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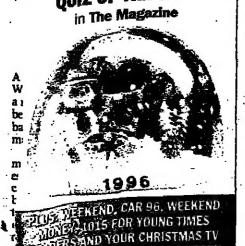


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Viruses could pass to people

Epidemic fears delay transplants from pigs

By JEREMY LAURENCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE first heart transplants from pigs to people have been delayed because ministers fear they might transmit potentially deadly viruses.

Scientists have recently proved that pig viruses can grow in human cells, and there is concern that while these might be harmless to the animal, they could provoke a lethal epidemic among people. HIV almost certainly came from animals, and strains of the that have killed millions of people in pandemics this century originated in pigs and birds.

Tens of thousands of people are

awaiting organs for transplant, but fewer than half are likely to receive the treatment they need unless transplants from animals are proved safe and effective. The Cambridge-based company Imutran, ich has cred a herd of genetically modified pigs whose organs are not rejected by other species, had hoped to have carried out the first operations by now, but the Government is holding back approval.

Ministers who commissioned an inquiry into the procedure — known as xenotransplantation — last Janu-ary were alarmed by the implications of the resultant report and have delayed publication until the middle of next month, while they consider their response.

The inquiry, chaired by Ian Kennedy, professor of medical law and ethics at King's College, London, is understood to have concluded that the benefits of animai transplants are so great and the shortage of human donors so serious that the procedure is ethically acceptable. It was, however, concerned about the potential risk if animal viruses were transmitted to the human population.

One member of the committee said: There is a risk of passing on infections. This may turn out to be a bigger problem than the ethical There was no great groundswell of opinion against using animal organs on ethical grounds. The difficulty is trying to make sure that no nasties get

through the system." Another member of the committee said that new evidence from the Institute of Cancer Research in London that pig viruses could move to people was worrying: "We've got to be very cautious."

Research by Robin Weiss, professor of virology at the institute, has shown that pig retroviruses can grow in human cells in the laboratory. Professor Weiss, who made his unpublished evidence available to the Kennedy committee, said: "Any pigs we use for transplants would have to be screened out very carefully for known viruses. The

By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

CONDOMS are being issued in jails in England and Wales to

prevent the spread of infection, Ann

Widdecombe, the prisons minister,

Doctors have been permitted to hand out condoms discreetly to

inmates who ask for them to curb

the risk of disease and prevent the

spread of infection among

A circular sent to all heads of

health care and governors says that they have a duty of care to reduce the

risk of disease caused by sexual

has admitted for the first time.

concern is over the unknown viruses. The recipients of the organs might be prepared to take the risk. But what happens if a virus, when transmitted, becomes a human epidemic?

We have shown in our experiments here that there is a pig retrovirus that can grow in human cells in culture in the laboratory. We don't know if it is harmful or if pig organs could transmit it to humans. In terms of safety, we should be wise before the event. I am not against animal transplants, but I am in favour of going forward with due

In Cambridge, Imutran said that it took safety issues seriously and had devised exhaustive tests to check for pig pathogens and retroviruses, but none had posed a risk to health. Heart valves and insulin from pigs had been used in the treatment of people for decades without any apparent problems and experiments over the past 12 years had shown that hearts and kidneys could be transplanted successfully from pigs to monkeys.

If given official approval, the potential market for animal transplants is huge. The American invest-ment bank Salomon Brothers predicted last January that there could be 455,000 organ transplants from pigs a year by 2010, compared with the 45,000 human transplants carried out around the world in 1994, creating an industry worth \$6 billion a year.

Two months later, Imutran which was founded by the Cam-bridge University immunologist David White and John Wallwork, director of transplantation at Papworth Hospital — was taken over by the Swiss-based multinational drugs firm Sandoz Pharma.

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Condoms issued to jail inmates

activity in 135 jails in England and

Miss Widdecombe is the first

government minister to admit pub-

licly that medical officers in the

prison service are permitted to

dispense condoms to immates in

"Our position is very straightfor-

ward. It is within the discretion of

the responsible medical officers

what they prescribe, whether it is

medicine, condoms or treatments or

anything else in each individual

case", Miss Widdecombe says in an

interview for Focus, the magazine

for community drug and alcohol

iniatives. The highly controversial

American plane makers agree

\$13bn merger BY MARTIN BARROW

BOEING and McDonnell Douglas, the American aircraft manufacturers, have agreed to a \$13.3 billion merger to form the world's largest aerospace company. Their move poses a major challenge to Airbus Industrie, the European

consortium. The new company will have 200,000 employees, a share of more than 50 per cent of the world's commercial airline market, and a combined order book of more than \$100 billion. Annual sales will exceed \$50 billion.

The companies said that they did not expect serious anti-trust

move comes in spite of opposition

from the Prison Governors' Associ-

ation and continued confusion over

the legality of homosexual acts

A policy statement from the governors' association issued in

1994 stated that it could not advocate

the provision of condoms or needles

in jails at this stage "as it would

condone criminality within the pris-

on". Their position on the issue has

association, which represents about

one thousand prison governors in

prisons, wanted the legal status of

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The statement added that the

between inmates in jails.

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Protest by gold medal shooters

Madonna, the star of Evita, arriving for the film's premiere in Los Angeles at the weekend

Three shooting gold medallists have written to The Times urging the Government to exempt the national squad from laws being debat-

ed by the Lords today. More than a hundred peers have threatened to rebel over the Firearms Amendment

First World War bodies found

The remains of 25 British soldiers who died in 1917 have been discovered in a grave near Arras, northern France. Their dog-tags may identify some of the soldiers. Tunic buttons indicate that they

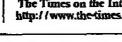
served with the 13th Battalion

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England beaten

England's cricketers suffered further embarrassment on their tour of Zimbabwe when they were beaten for the third time in 15 days, losing the first one-day international by two wickets at Queen's Club in Bulawayo___

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THE Government was last night trying to head off a possible deleat in the Commons today after the Ulster Unionists warned that they would withdraw their support unless they won significant

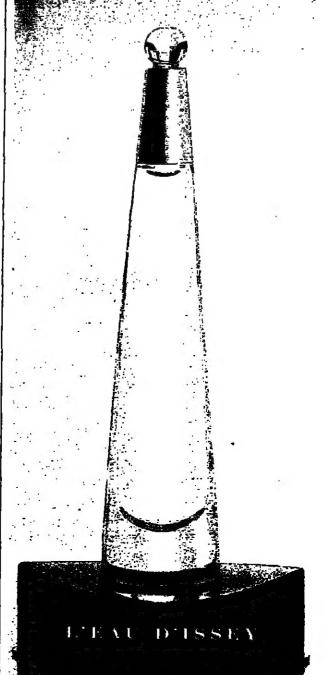
concessions on fishing quotas. In its first test since losing its majority at the Barnsley East by-election last week, the Government is facing a close vote on the European Union fisheries policy, which it lost

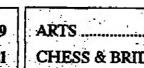
Tony Baldry, the fisheries minister, has spent the last few days trying to placate some of the Ulster Unionists by an undertaking that he will review the fishing quotas in the new year. He has also spoken to some of the Eurosceptic rebels who inflicted defeat on the Government last

But yesterday the Ulster Unionists signalled that they had not been bought off. Although David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader said his party would not act in "a capricious or irresponsible way" on key votes, it is understood that the party leaders decided over the weekend that they would defy the Government tonight. Both David Trimble, and John Taylor, his deputy, voted against

last year. The nine Ulster Unionists are expected to take a final decision when they meet before today's debate. But some ministers hope that today's statement announcing a selective cull of over 100,000 cattle will prompt a change of heart, as Unionists have been pressing for urgent steps to lift the beef ban.

Mr Trimble said he was looking for assurances over Continued on page 2, col 6





HOME NEWS

Tories call for Easter election to scupper student vote

By James Landale, political reporter

JOHN MAJOR is coming under strong pressure from Tory strategists to hold the general election on April 10 to prevent Labour from using the student vote to win important marginal seats.

Party strategists believe that an April 10 election would reduce the impact of Britain's one million students, who are likely to be at home for the Easter holidays in their parents' constituencies. Party strategists hope they would "waste" their votes in seats with large Tory or Labour majorities.

Officials have identified 12 marginal seats where students, who are more likely to back Labour, could oust the sitting Tory MP. If the believe these seats could help tip the balance in favour of the Government. The Prime Minister has said that the Government might have to go to the polls before his preferred date of May I.

While Tory officials know that it is almost impossible to calculate the consequences of students voting at home, they can predict which of their marginal seats have large student populations that could tip the balance against the Tory

Several Tory MPs in these seats recognise that they secured their small majorities because the last election in 1992 was held on April 9 when many students were at home.

MARGINALS

Marginal Tory seats where students could affect the vote: Luton South Coventry South West Loughborough Brighton Pavilion Leeds North West Stirling Oxford West and Abingdon

some strongholds, such as Bath, York and Cambridge, where many students organised to use postal

"There are at least 12 ouite

very significant student popula-tions of around 10,000," a senior Tory source said. "If we manage to have not just polling day but also most of the campaign during the holidays, we have increased our chances of holding those seats."

Tory sources said the student factor would be "a very powerful argument" for April 10. Sir Derek Spencer, the Solicitor-General, has more than 7,000 students from Brighton and Sussex Universities in his Brighton Pavilion seat (maj 3,675) and would be glad of an April election. "Undoubtedly for seats such as mine, it is better to have the election during the university vacation," he said.

One key seat is Luton South (maj 799), where the Tory vice-chair-

student population of some 10,000. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, was so concerned by the impact of the student vote and boundary changes in Loughborough (maj 10,883) that he has fled to the safer seat of

Charnwood. Michael Forsyth, the

Scottish Secretary, faced a strong challenge from students in Stirling (maj 703) in 1992 but will have a tough fight this time around. Other marginal seats include Coventry South West (maj 1,436); Leeds North West (maj 7,671); Oxford West and Ahingdon (maj 3,539); Exeter (maj 4,045); Portsmouth South (maj 242); and South-ampton Test (maj 585).

Labour strategists have recog-nised the possibility of an April

campaign to get students to register on electoral rolls at their universities and at their parents' homes.

They also know the theory could work the other way round. If the election is held during term time, many people studying in Labour strongholds such as in Manchester could use their vote more effectively

To cover this possibility, Labour Students, a group of 6,000 students affiliated to the Labour Party, is running a campaign to show members how to use a postal vote. Students could then vote, whether they are at home or at university. wherever they feel their vote will have most impact. Ruth Potter, Labour Students'

national secretary, said: "If the

Tories go for April, they will have an advantage because students tend to vote Labour. But we are working hard on our campaign."
However, one Tory MP with
some 5.000 students in his marginal constituency, rejected the idea, saying he had many active Tory students who would help him

secure much of the student vote. "It

in their drop

"Too delayed

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is a bit of a dated concept that all students are left-wing," he said. At the last election, the National Union of Students recognised the impact of their members' vote and was accused of backing Labour by urging students to vote in marginal seats. The union's Target 70" campaign urged students to vote in 70 key seats where the number of students was larger than the sitting MP's majority.

Blair prepared for isolation in defence of British interests

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR made clear yesterday that he would be prepared to stand up for Britain's interests against France or Germany even if it meant Britain was in a "minority of one" in the European Union. In an attempt to counter Tory accusations that he would be a soft touch in the

EU as prime minister, the Labour leader insisted that he would not give up Britain's veto over defence, taxation. immigration and border controls. He also indicated that he would stop any attempts by France and Germany to set up a "cabal" of those already committed to joining a single European currency to oversee the introduction of the euro. John Major will today re-

port to MPs on the EU summit in Dublin. In his Commons statement, he will emphasise that he will not sign a post-Maastricht treaty until he has won a British opt-out from the 48-hour working week and an end to quota-hopping by conti-

extremely depressed at the outcome of the summit, which saw the publication of the first Euro notes. "The single cur-rency is unstoppable," said one senior minister. "Mr Major is standing in the way of an runaway train." The debate over whether Britain should leave the EU would inevitably be reopened, he said.

Yesterday it was reported that some MPs on the Europhile wing of the party were threatening to jump ship and join the Liberal Democrats after the general election. Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal Democrats' Chief Whip claimed that a dozen Tory MPs had approached him.

Kenneth Clarke last night risked fuelling Tory divisions by hitting back at criticism of the new Euro banknotes, ac-cusing the "Euro-sceptic press" of a "ridiculous" reaction to the design of the single currency. The Chancelior, in an interview on BBC2's The Money Programme said the notes were "all right."

who could wring a better deal out of Europe than Mr Major. He intends to spend the next weeks trying to eradicate any fears that Labour would kowtow to Brussels. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World this Weekend, "I've made it absolutely clear - I will resolutely stand up for British interests, but British interests are that we are strong, leading players in Europe, not in a position of perpetual marginalisation." he said.

to present himself as a leader

"If it is in Britain's interest to be isolated through the use of the national veto, then we will be isolated. If it is in Britain's interest to be a minority of one we shall be a minority of one."

He argued that because of divisions within the Tory party Britain was probably in its weakest negotiating position since it entered the Common

Matthew Parris and



Doctor in waiting: John Wallwork is helping to perfect the technique that may allow pig organs to be transplanted into human beings without risk of rejection

MAKING A PIG'S HEART FIT TO TRANSPLANT The gene for a protein found on the surface of human cells is isolated as a length of DNA and injected into pig embryos. In a proportion of them it is incorporated and The engineered embryo is implanted into a sow becomes part of the pig's and born. By crossing, a breed is created which has the human gene on both chromosomes and whose organs produce the from these pigs into human ts, the protein acts as a signal to turn off the immune system and allow

Labour puts-forward plans to revitalise failing schools

TONY BLAIR will today set out plans to rescue failing schools by allowing head teachers of good neighbouring schools to take them over. In a speech at Ruskin Coli-

ege, Oxford, Mr Blair will announce that a Labour government would give local councils powers to intervene at an earlier stage when schools encounter problems because of poor discipline or low

Under the proposals, local education authorities would be expected to draw up a takeover plan once they realised a school was running into trouble, and before Ofsted, the school inspectors were called in. Under the plan. which would be piloted in primary schools in the first year of a Labour government, head teachers of thriving

neighbouring schools would be invited to tender for contracts to take over.

The existing head could be dismissed. The new leadership would then be given up to a year with specific performance targets, before being inspected by Ofsted. If the school had improved it would be able to stand on its own feet again. But if it failed, it would be closed or merged with its successful neighbour.

Pig transplants still have to overcome critics' rejection

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MORE than 6,000 people are waiting for transplants in Britain, but less than half are likely to have them because of a shortage of donated organs. The gap is growing wider as ces in transplant surgery increase the number of people who can be treated.

The availability of organs is limited by families' reluctance to give consent - at least 30 per cent refuse - and the reduction in road accidents. This is the motivation for xenotransplantation — the use of organs from animals.

The pressure for pig transplants to succeed has increased this year because of slow progress for mechanical hearts. Animal tissue, including insulin and heart valves, has been used to save human lives for many years and is regarded as safe. But transplanting whole organs fresh

from the pig may introduce retroviruses to which humans have not been exposed. This is why the Government has delayed approval for the first pig-organ transplants.

Genetic manipulation is also required to prevent the body rejecting the organs. A pig's heart would be de-stroyed in hours by a process called hyperacute rejection. The answer is to create pigs

with organs that can fool the human immune system, and this is the technique being perfected by Imutran, a company founded by David White, an immunologist at Cambridge University, and John Wallwork, director of transplantation at Papworth Hospital, near Cambridge. Human organs are not attacked by the immune system because they carry signalling proteins — "molecular white

flags" - that declare them to

The pigs bred by Imutran include the gene for one such protein, which may be enough to ward off hyperacute rejection. American rivals have followed a similar approach. Preliminary experiients are encouraging. Many human diseases are

spread from, or originate in, animals. These include Aids, derived from a monkey disease. Dr John Allan, of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio, Texas, said: "It is irresponsible to do these types of experiments when the downside is the possibility of creating greater suffering through the spread of infectious diseases.

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Extra curb on fraud by private services

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

PRIVATE contractors receiving public funds are to be subject to new financial controls to curb fraud and corruption.

The powers are expected to be given to the Comptroller and Auditor General, Sir John Bourn, who is expected to inspect a range of new services worth at least £15 billion which have been hived off from Government.

Whitehall sources last week suggested he might also take on responsibilities in relation to local authority cash paid to private contractors for various

The change is expected to be included in a White Paper on governance and probity to be aunched next month by Roger Freeman, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Sir John has argued for some time that he should have an automatic right to follow public cash, and is particularly concerned to track the £651 million paid to housing associations.

associations.

He believes it is anomabute, for example, that the European Court of Auditors is allowed to followed unperson Union morely paid in Britain to the end source, such as the payment of Common Agriculture Policy grants to individhave this statutory right.

The need for this external inspection was demanded by the Audit Commission, the local government watchdog. in a submission to Lord Nolan, head of the committee monitoring standards in pub-

Andrew Foster, chief execu-tive of the Audit Commission, said "a rigorous public audit regime should apply to all bodies which are responsible for spending public money, whatever their formal status."

He listed grant-maintained schols, Training and Enter-prise Councils, Universities, Housing Associations and private companies contracted to provide public services. A commission spokesman said last week they did not mind who conducted the au-

dits as long as the change was made urgently.
The new White Paper will

also propose that Government advisory bodies and groups should be subject to more stringent scrutiny.



Bourn: has called

Hopes rise on Ulster arms pact

Hopes rose yesterday that nationalists and Unionists will reach agreement on the thorny issue of disarming terrorists, allowing the Stormont talks to progress to full scale discussions about the future of Northern Ireland.

Sean Farren, a senior member of the SDLP acgotiating team at the talks, said he hoped that the Ulster Unionists, the Alliance Party and the SDLP would sign a joint document on disarmament this week. Differences over how to disarm terrorist have held up progress in the talks since they opened in June, and an agreement be-tween the main parties at Stormont would be a major step forward.

Tree abandoned

victims have abandoned a plan to place a Christmas tree next to the semi-ircle of graves where their children are buried after their respects behught protests from residents. The 6ft tree would have had 17 white lights to mark the 16 children and their teacher Gwen Mayor in Dibblane cemetary.

Official cleared

A council housing manager has been cleared of allega-tions that he kept his job by fabricating evide official inquiry. Bernard Crofton a housing benefit council, east London, has been under investigation for seven months after a damn-ing report about his methods by Ian MacDonald, QC.

Pitch invasion

Police horses were used to divide rival Bristol City and Rovers supporters after hun-dreds of fans invaded the pitch following a last-minute equaliser. There were found arrests in the fighting. Two people, including a child, were injured, neither seriously. The Football Association said that it would launch an inquiry. inquiry. Report, page 26

Bullbars Bill

Bullbars on vehicles would be banned under a Bill to come before the House of Commons in the new year, Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, said yester-day. Mr Flynn said that well over 200 backbenchers across the Commons had expressed support for his campaign, which was gaining ground on the European mainland.

Baby soother

Babies could be spared pain by using a system that mea-sures suffering Resear at Liverpool John at Liverpool John University report r. Pedian ric Nursing that b Jiestrying to shut out r. in become increasingly rigid, have a space between the big toe and other toes, hold thumbs inside a fist, eyes tightly shut and many frown lines.

Father's tribute

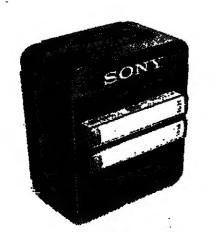
Alex Balchin, 21, whosfather is chairman of the Grant Maintained School: Foundation and a longstand ing Conservative adviser or cducation, has died after falling from the roof or London's disused County, Hall after a party. Sir Robert Balchin paid tribute to his son's work at a centre for the homeless in Brighton. homeless in Brighton.

Climber dies

suffered shock

A climber died and two companions were seriously injectived when they fell 300% while traversing an ice field in driving rain in Snowdonia. The dead man washing the seriously forms South Manager S from Southport, Merseyside His friends are being treater for fractures in hospital in Bangor. Others in the group

Reasons for buying Sony 8mm video. There's a stack.



Get high definition, hrilliant colour and a free, stackable storage cube when you buy two Seny 90 minute 8mm video topes."

Condoms in jails Health Care to all heads of

Continued from page I homosexual acts in prison cells re-examined. It admitted, however, that governors understood the need for preventative health measures in jails. Miss Widdecombe's public disclosure that condoms are allowed to be prescribed in jails is likely to trigger controversy among right-wing mem-bers of her party but she will win plaudits from penal re-formers for having the courage to admit the practice.

In the past condoms were provided only to prisoners leaving fail for home leave and

Miss Widdecombe's remark and cannot be locked, cannot follows the issue of the circular be deemed a private place.

health care and governors which also said that failure to provide condoms could in some circumstances leave doctors open to the charge of failing in their duty to care for

The Prison Service admitted yesterday that there was still relates to homosexual acts within prisons.

Some officials have argued that gay relationships within a jail are outside the 1968 Sexual Offences Act because a prison cell, which has visual access

EU fish quotas Continued from page I fish and beel — both impor-tant industries for Ulster. But he cast doubt on wheth-

er his party would help bring down the Government on a no-confidence motion - if one

was held — so close to the general election.

"It's only a matter of weeks now to the point at which Parliament will be dissolved and in that merical of time. and in that period of time we're not going to behave in a capricious or irresponsible manner," he said, on GMTV's

Sunday programme.
It is unlikely that Labour confidence even if the Government is defeated last night. Mr

will not force a vote unless he knows he can defeat John Major. Mr Trimble's comments suggest that he is prepared to back the Prime Minister when the Government itself is under threat. If all nine Ulster Unionists

vote against the Government. and all the small opposition parties turn out. Mr Major could be defeated if only one Tory abstained or voted against him. All eyes will turn on John Gorst, the Tory MP who said last week that he could not be relied upon to vote with the Government, due to his opposition about local hospital services.



Jealous women shop until their husbands drop

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH AND NICK NUTTALL

WIVES are taking revenge on career-obsessed husbands by turning into compulsive shoppers and running up huge debts. Oxford academics who set out to study Britain's growing number of shope-holics were surprised to find how many were motivated not

Out of an estimated 700,000 obsessed shoppers, one in ten-is now believed to be spending because she feels patronised or has had her self-confidence undermined by a successful partner. The husband then discovers that success has brought down their finances and their marriage. Some of the wives feel that it

will help to attract their husband's attention, but many of the marriages simply collapse. he findings published today come from four years of research by Professor Kevin Gournay and Dr Richard Elliott of Oxford University's School of Management Studies, funded by the Govern-ment's Economic and Social Research Council. Dr Elliott said: "It's another middle-

class disease. The fact that people would do this for revenge was completely unexpected. The reverige behaviour seems to be particularly linked to partners of professionals. Lots of people

Shoppers looking forward to the January sales are most likely to be motivated by beating someone else to a bargain, according to a study of sales mania by researchers at the Manment. Questioned on their motives, 74 per cent said they loved beating someone to the same bargain, 65 per cent liked boasting to friends and colleagues, 51 per cent felt that the sales allowed them to get one-up on the retailer, and 48 per cent enjoyed the detective work in finding a true

do this to a lesser extreme. What seems to have happened is that while a husband or partner is developing a careeer and becoming wealthy, the spouse is also developing in many ways. However, the husband still treats her like a child or like the woman he married 20 years ago. What the woman seems to be saying is, 'I have changed. I am not a shy. flighty little woman."

One women ran up a debt of £70,000 after remortgaging her house, without her husband's knowledge. The mar-

only as Julie, 36, a doctor's wife from the Midlands, said: "If I think I am being done out because my husband is a self-confessed workaholic, shopping is a way of getting back at him. I say, 'Well, if you took more notice of me and more it, would I? He treats me in exactly the same way as when we were first married."

Dr Elliott said classic professional groups afflicted by the addiction were lawyers and medics. They are successful people who have to work very long hours to

achieve what they want." He suggested that the Duchess of York - whose marriage from her husband for long periods while he was away with the Navy, and is now struggling to contain huge debts — was a prominent example of the condition.

"It is a revenge and control paradox," he said. "When the person is shopping they feel they are in control when they are most out of control. It is an area of their lives where they are taking the decisions."

The researchers carried out detailed interviews with 50 shopping addicts and sent postal questions to a further 101. Among a range of motives, one in ten wanted to: add meaning to their lives by being good at something. They want to become "skilful shop-

Most of the others shop compulsively to counter depression. Less than half were happy in marriage or a rela-tionship. In comparison, a similar survey of "normal consumers" found that 75 per cent are happy with their marriages. About 40 per cent had little or no interest in sex, against 14 per among the

control group.

The researchers claim the financial cost of the condition can be enormous, with average debts ranging from be-Most compulsive shoppers were women and most of the items bought were clothes which were often never worn.

Fun shopping, page 13



. Dr Richard Elliott in Oxford shopping centre. He said: "It's another middle-class disease"

must get by

on £10m THE American millionairess

Katina Dart, who claims a

£10 million maintenance award made to her in the

ligh Court is not enough to

keep her in the style to which

has failed in a final attempt to

that Mrs Dart, the 37-year-old ex-wife of the multimillionaire

Robert Dart, is not entitled to a

and upheld the £10 million

payout ordered by Mr Justice

mated by him at £400 million

and by her at more than

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ulacturing polystyrene con-

Johnson in March.

ers for fast food.

Mr Dart's fortune

Three law lords have ruled

increase the sum.

US divorcée Princess delayed

The fatal crash on the M4 had caused long delays, with only

penny more. She will now have to meet an estimated ELS million in legal costs from After a private hearing Lords Lloyd, Steyn and Hope refused her leave to appeal to their against a Court of Appeak ruling in July which refused to increase the award

The Princess is not expected

at Sandringham, but has reportedly been invited by the Queen to the annual family lunch at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. Prince William will remain at Sandringham when Prince Charles and Prince Harry go skiing at Klosters, in the Swiss Alps, on

December 30. Yesterday, a claim that the Queen intends to give up Buckingham Palace as her main base was firmly denied. The report, in the News of the World, said that she had agreed to move out by next November 28, to live permanently at Windsor Castle, allowing the royal apartments to be used for offices, while the state rooms could be open to

the public all year. A Palace spokesman said: This is completely untrue. The Queen's working week is spent here. The people she needs to see are in London."

Richard Hodges, page 18

on way to service By A STAFF REPORTER DIANA, Princess of Wales,

missed nearly half of Prince Harry's school carol concert

yesterday after a road crash delayed her journey. The Princess, who prides herself on punctuality, arrived at Ludgrove School, Berk-shire, 25 minutes after the hour-long service had started.

one westbound lane open. The Prince of Wales had arrived in plenty of time. After the service, the Princess drove away smiling. Prince William alongside her. The Prince of Wales was a few cars behind, in the passenger seat.

If was the start of the

Christmas holidays for Prince Harry, who is 12. The two Princes are likely to spend time with their mother at her home in Kensington Palace. They are expected to travel to Sandringham for Christmas with their father.

Pagan worshipper joins the magistrates' bench

A BOLLOWER of the pagan Wictam faith is to be appointed a magistrate. Aileen Grist, 42. believes that her unusual background will enable her to make fair court decisions.

She said: "My faith teaches me to see the god and goddesses terall people. So I will make count decisions on the act done by a person, rather than on their appearance. My religion cares about the earth and is non-destructive Hopefully I can be very understanding in

heating cases."
Mrs Grist became a follow er of Wicca five years ago when she mer her husband, Tony, an former vicar who turned from the Anglican Church after the collapse of his first marriage. The cou-ple's living room in their home in "Hathershaw, Greater



Grist: had wanted to do community-based work

Manchester, is a temple dedicated to Hermes, Aphrodite and the Unconquered

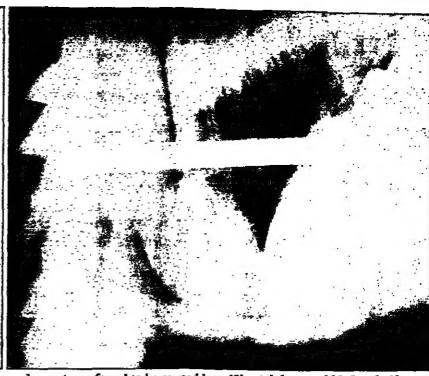
"I applied to the bench because my rheimatoid arthritis prevents me from get-

community-based work," Mrs Grist said. She added that her honesty about her religious beliefs had prompted ques-tioning by court officials. They were satisfied with my

firmed that Mrs Grist had been accepted as one of 16 members to be sworn in an February II after training. A spokeswoman said: The bench is supposed to represent all sections of society and that is what we aim to do."

A courtroom has shut for two weeks while alterations costing £23,000 are carried out so that a woman who uses a wheelchair can sit as a magistrate Margaret Gum, 48, from Winchester, Hampshire. said: "I appreciate it is a lot of money, but I could not sit without this work being





Knife-swallowing dog not in the least cut up

By ROBIN YOUNG

A DOBERMANN puppy swallowed a 13in kitchen knife and has the X-rays to prove it. While urban mythology abounds with tales of Dobermanns gobbling up burglars' fingers or smaller dogs, Bailey's unprecedented feat of turning canine swordswallower is beyond doubt, being fully documented and

ionally attested. Bailey's owner, Hannah Ransom, 22, who fives near Wotton under-Edge, Gloue-estershire, took the five-month-old pup to the vet because it could not keep its food down. On the first two visits the vets gave the dog

took to be a tummy upset. However, when its condition still did not improve four days after the symptoms were noticed, Bailey was X-rayed. The vet, Mike Stevenson,

could not believe his eyes,

and supposed the outline of the knife which showed on the film must have been caused by something accidentally left on the X-ray table. However, a second scan confirmed that Bailey had indeed ingested a bellyful, in the form of a stainless steel knife with a plastic handle. The knife reached from the bottom of its stomach to the back of its throat.

formed his omniverous feat while chewing on the knife's bone-like handle. Once swallowed, the handle lodged in its stomach, leaving the knife blade lining its oesophagus and preventing it swallowing food. In a delicate half-hour operation Mr Stevenson, 28, gradually eased the blade along Bailey's gullet and out of its mouth until he could

pull the whole knife dear. Ms Ransom said: "Though Bailey was being sick a lot he remained his usual playful self, even while the knife was stuck inside him. He has chewed chunks out of the settee before, but never done

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ing a knife. We do not leave knives lying around. He must have snatched this one from the draining board." Mr Stevenson, of the Rowe

biggest and most bizarre foreign object I have ever had to remove from a dog. He was lucky not to be injured. He escaped damage only because the blade was blunt. If it had been sharp it would have cut him internally and almost certainly killed him." Mr Stevenson said that he has had to retrieve squash balls, pebbles, pillow cases and tights from dogs' interi-ors, but Bailey's internal ac-

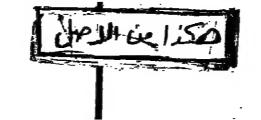
Ms Ransom reported that Bailey was now back to normal. "He is full of beans, behaving like a tornado on



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An open letter to the Rt Hon. Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

The first the first

Dear Foreign Secretary

This morning you are flying to Cyprus on what is indeed an historic first ever visit by a British Foreign Secretary.

You will be visiting a country that for the past 22 years is under occupation and where people have been living in constant fear because of Turkey's massive military presence.

Many governments have repeatedly stated that the present situation is unacceptable. None has done anything substantive to change it. Several initiatives were undertaken by the UN Secretary General in this direction but all have failed. A plethora of Security Council resolutions remain unimplemented. The reason for the failure of all initiatives as eloquently stated in the Secretary General's Report of 30 May 1994, is the lack of political will on the Turkish side.

The Turkish Cypriots are constantly being forced to emigrate with the result that about 40% of them, especially the young ones, have left the island and most of them are here, in London. In the meantime Turkey is rapidly altering the demographic composition of the occupied area by implanting settlers from mainland Turkey. The threat that, in the near future the settlers from Turkey may be the only people living in the occupied part of the island, is very real.

So, beyond the human suffering, the agony and frustration, we must recognise that the longer the present situation continues, the more difficult it will be to solve it.

We welcome the signals sent by the British Government that you are determined to be effectively and deeply engaged in the efforts to solve the problem. In this respect it is important to bear in mind the following:

- Tolerance has never solved any problem. In the case of Cyprus tolerance has facilitated the Turkish occupation.

 Britain as a guarantor power has the obligation to guarantee the retributal integrity and sovereignty of Cyprus which are being grossly violated by the continuing Turkish occupation.
- The presence of the Turkish troops on the island and the continued ethnic cleansing, carried out by Turkey, are a gross violation of the principles of international law, the several resolutions of the United Nations, the principles of the Council of Europe of which Turkey is a member and the code of conduct of the OSCE of which Turkey is also a member.
- Denktash's dream is to become 'President' of a recognised state. He hopes that by blocking all efforts for a solution to the Cyprus problem, his illegal entity will, eventually be recognised. In this respect he interprets any visits or meetings with him or the members of his illegal regime by foreign officials, in the occupied area or abroad, not as an encouragement for a solution, but as a step towards recognition of his illegal regime.
- Cyprus will soon be commencing accession negotiations with the European Union. The period from
 now until these negotiations commence is ideal for making every effort to reach a solution. Thus, every
 opportunity available should be explored with urgency. At the same time any signals which highlight and
 magnify difficulties of accession of Cyprus if the problem is not solved, are not only unnecessary but are
 damaging the prospect for the accession process serving as catalyst for the solution of the problem.

Dear Foreign Secretary,

Your mission will be successful if you send a clear message to Mr Denktash, that Britain will never recognise his illegal regime and that the British Government is determined to do its utmost for an urgent solution to the Cyprus problem.

This is the moment for resolute action and not declarations.

We wish you every success in your mission and we will support fully any determined effort to bring an end to the Cyprus problem.

George Christofides

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Remains of 25 unknown soldiers who fell during bloody battle are found buried near field hospital

War grave from 1917 unearthed by French builders

Affairs

A BRITISH Army war grave containing the remains of 25 men has been unearthed near Arras in northern France. Tens of thousands of allied troops died in the area in the spring offensive of 1917.

Dog-tags discovered last Friday at the site near the village of Monchy-le-Preux may identify some of the unknown soldiers almost 80 years after they fell in battle. Tunic buttons and shoulder flashes indicate that they served with the 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers

The find is of great interest to military historians. Seldom have so many bodies been found together on the Western Front so long after the "war to. end all wars. To guard against others taking a less academic interest, armed cemetery last night against souvenir hunters.

Scientific examination of the remains will begin in earnest today at the Commonwealth

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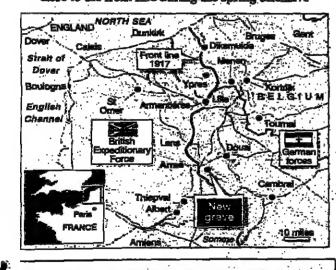
The badge of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

mortuary in Arras. Ministry of Defence and regimental records will also be trawled in

an attempt to identify the men. The shallow mass grave was found by French workmen building a housing estate on the edge of Monchy. The site, which is thought to have been a frontline field hospital, was immediately sealed. Nineteen sets of remains were discovered intact, but the six others had been disturbed. Michael Johnson, director of

THE TIME THURSDAY, APRIL 12 1917 FURTHER GAINS PROGRESS OF THE MONCHY VILLAGE TWO ENEMY ATTACKS HEAVY FIGHTING

How The Times reported the battle at Monchy, close to the front line during the spring offensive



Graves Commission in France, said that the cemetery had been hit by German shells during the Battle of Arras. He described the find as "very

Monchy saw some of the fiercest and most bloody ac-tion of the second Battle of Arras in April 1917. British and German soldiers fought hand-to-hand for possession of the village during the spring

The men of the 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers were in the forefront of the battle. They suffered heavy losses after being pinned down by German heavy machineguns and then caught in a murderous

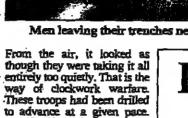
Mr Johnson, who will coordinate attempts to identify the dead, said that the field hospital where they were found was very close to the front line. "Only a few inches of soil covered the bodies given the constant bombardment, by German artillery it simply would not have been possible to bury the men

A heavy shell was found in the earth close to the edge of the cemetery where the bones had been disturbed. The bombardment of British frontline positions at Monchy was described by The Times war correspondent at Allied Headquarters as "a remorseless

He described German prisoners of war - 9,000 were taken in four days - as "an unimpressive collection". The correspondent's dispatch continued: "Making all allowances for the dishevelled and depressed apperance insepa-rable from all prisoners, they are a poor lot of men. There are some good ones among them, but many of them are very young and very weedy." Billy Bishop, a Canadian

pilot serving with the Royal Flying Corps who was to become one of the outsta aces of the war, viewed the battle from the skies over Monchy. He saw the men of the 13th Battalion make what one historian was later to describe as "the cheerful sacrifice" as the advance became bogged down under heavy enemy fire.

The waves of attacking infantry as they came out of the trenches and trudged forward behind the curtain of shells laid down by artillery were an amazing sight. They seemed to wander across No Man's Land and into the enemy trenches as if the battle was a great bore to them.



They had been timed over and over again in marching a certain distance and, from that timing, the 'creeping' barrage which moved in front of them had been mathematically worked out." Mr Johnson said last night

that the task of identifying some of those whose remains were found at Monchy might take some time. "The dog-tags are a great help, though," he added. "Our defence attaché at the Embassy in Paris has already been informed of the find because it is rare to make one so substantial these days.

"I think that the families of some of those who died at Monchy-Le-Preux could well be traced, but reburial of the remains may take quite some time. Once we have found out who they are, their names will be added to the Lutyens mewho fell."

The spring offensive was a "notable victory", according to contemporary accounts. How ever, despite heavy losses on both sides of the frontline, the Allies failed to make the significant breakthrough for which they had hoped.

In the event, Arras was to be no more than a diversionary battle, an attempt to distract the Germans as the French launched a bigger push elsewhere on the Western Front

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Men leaving their trenches near Arras in April, 1917. A witness said troops "wandered into enemy trenches as if the battle was a great bore"

Return of teenage resistance hero

A BRITISH resistance hero lying in a German war cemetery is to be reburied with honour in the Channel Islands where he challenged the occupying forces. The move is the end of a 50-year battle by a comrade who was captured with him but survived their imprisonment in

a concentration camp. The teenagers Maurice Gould and Peter Hassall set sail from Jersey in May 1942 to try to reach the Allies with information about the German forces. Their small open boat sank two miles out. The teenagers swam

ashore and were arrested. They were taken to Paris, tortared by the Gestapo and the SS, then moved to a concentration camp, Sonderlager Hinzert. Beattheir toll of Mr Gould, who died from TB in October

1943, shortly after being transferred to a prison at Wittlich. He was 18. Mr Hassall was moved to a coal mine in Warsaw and ultimately liberated by the Russian Army. After his repatriation, he began a campaign to bring his friend

bers of the Waffen SS. Mr Hassall, who now lives in Canada, could not trace any of his friend's surviving relatives to get their permis sion to move the body, and found government officials

home, and discovered that

he was in a war cemetery at

Wittlich, along with mem-

reluctant to help. He said: "The German Government said it was up to Britain, the British Government said it was Jersey's responsibility, successive Attorneys-General in Jersey told me that it was up to the War Graves Commission.



Gould: beaten in a concentration camp

who said they did not disinter and bring back civilians." Eventually, relatives were traced with the help of local newspaper publicity. The Jersey Government agreed to foot the £6,000 bill for the move and an under taker has offered his services free. Mr Hassail has been helped by the president of home at last."

the Jersey branch of the Royal British Legion, Gerald Bisson, who said: "It is what the island wants. "We are now looking for a suitable site for Maurice's body, though it will be several months before arrangements can be made."

Mr Gould had gone to Jersey from the British mainland at the age of about two, where he was adopted by the Smith family. His half-brother, Bill Smith, said: "I can just remember him. All the family fully back what Mr Bisson and Mr Hassall are doing.

"As far as we are concerned, he should not be buried in a German military cemetery surrounded by Germans, some of whom were SS. It's a bit upsetting for us to think of him being there. We are so grateful to ten and that he will come

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Call for inquiry into pensioners' war crime record

By MICHAEL EVANS

GERMANY was under pressure yesterday to investigate whether there are any suspected war criminals among hundreds of veterans in Britain who are receiving a war pension from the Bonn Government

According to figures released to the German parliament, 459 former soldiers living in Britain are receiving pensions worth £1 million a year for their service under Hitler during the Second World War.

Some 459 former soldiers living in this country are receiving payments averaging £2,800 a year on top of the British state pension to which they may be entitled. Many soldiers fighting with

the Nazis who were allowed to settle in Britain after the war came from Latvia, Lithuania and other eastern European countries. While they included some ethnic Germans who settled here, official sources and veterans' groups said the vast majority were from the former Soviet bloc, where they enrolled in Hitler's Waffen SS or police gangs attached to the military, said The Sunday

Times yesterday. A small number of the former soldiers are the subject of a Scotland Yard investigation that began after Government introduced the War Crimes Act in 1991. Winston Churchill, Tory

MP for Davyhulme and

grandson of the wartime Prime Minister, said yester-

day he was not surprised that

the German authorities were paying war veterans in Brit-



Churchill: said postwar vetting was too lax

ain, even from the Hitler period. The only interesting question, he said, was whether any of them were war

He added: "The thing that amazes me is that the postwar Labour Government made so little effort to vet people from Germany and eastern Europe prior to admitting them to this country, and indeed decided to abandon prosecuting war criminals.

The pensioners, who settled in Britain in the 1940s and 1950s, avoided scrutiny until the War Crimes Act of 1991 sparked Scotland Yard

Lord Merlyn-Rees, the former Home Secretary and chairman of the all-party parliamentary war crimes committee, said in calling for an investigation: "It is important to discover if there is any sense in which those people receiving payments committed war

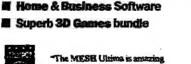
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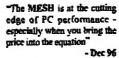




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Caesarean mothers challenge legal might of judges



Court campaign: Fahima Chowdhury and her son

THE power of High Court judges to is to be challenged in a groundbreaking action by two women forced to have Caesarean sections.

The women have been granted legal aid to sue hospital authorities that were granted emergency orders to carry out the operations, Judges from the High Court's Family Division who have made the orders, at private hearings and without the women being legally represented, may also face an unprecedented

Lawyers for the mothers are preparing a challenge to the com-mon law immunity from legal action that judges enjoy, on the ground that they exceeded their powers in ordering the women to be detained so that surgery could be carried out.

There has been a series of cases in the past year in which hospitals have sought emergency court or-ders, often outside normal court hours, to enable them to conduct what they say are lifesaving Caesarean sections. The Official Solicitor is usually involved in the hearings, but only to advise the court or to represent the interests of the baby. He does not act for the woman.

In the latest case, Mr Justice Kirkwood granted an order for a woman to be given a drip that enabled the hospital to carry out a Caesarean. Doctors said the operaher unborn child. The mother, aged 20, refused to have the drip because she had a phobia of needles, but she has since thanked the hospital for its

One of the women granted legal aid is Fahima Chowdhury, who was forced to give birth by Caesarean to a boy, Mahbubur, at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale. She had painful

■ Women forced to undergo surgery, after secret hearings at which they have no legal representative, want to overturn judges' traditional common law immunity from legal action, writes Frances Gibb

after-effects from a previous Caesarean and said that she would rather

die than have another. Rochdale Healthcare NHS Trust applied for a court order three days into labour in June, believing that her Caesarean scar was at risk of rupturing, putting her and the baby's life at risk. The order was granted by Mr Justice Johnson, but Mrs Chowdhury then consented to the Caesarean. She said in a newspaper: "There were five doctors around my bed all telling me that I would die and so would my baby if i didn't have a Caesarean." The

properly and would do the same again if life were at risk.

The second mother in the legal action is a professional woman who does want to be named. She was detained in hospital in April under the Mental Health Act 1983 when eight months pregnant and suffer-ing from pre-eclampsia. The hospi-tal authorities obtained a court order without her being legally represented and she underwent a esarean against her wishes.

Beverley Beech, of the Association for Improvements in the Maternity Serioes, said: "It is outrageous that that is by no means certain. There have been of a number of cases in the United States where women have contested these orders and gone on to give birth without the need for a Caesarean.

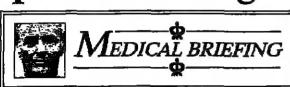
It is not possible to say how many cases there have been because of the secrecy of the orders. Among those that have come to light are a second order granted in June by Mr Justice Johnson to Norfolk and Norwich Healthcare NHS Trust, where the judge held that the woman was not able to weigh up information in order to make an informed decision. Some lawyers said that the order had effectively defined pregnant women as incompetent. Tameside and Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust was granted an order by Mr Justice Wall, who held that a Caesarean was treatment for a

Richard Stein, of the London solicitors Leigh Day & Co. is collating cases of women ordered to have Caesareans. With Barbara Hewson, a barrister, he is considering challenging the judges through judicial review or, ultimately, in the European Court of Human Rights. The action would be brought on the basis that the judges had "falsely imprisoned" the women "without show of right", as the law holds, or parliamentary authority. Alternatively, they could be sued for

trespass.

Mr Stein said: "It is worrying that such an important public policy development is happening by stealth. Such orders should be publicly debated, not brought in late on Friday afternoons, in private, with the threat of a dead baby hanging over the judge".

Surgery that the patient would prefer to forget



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

AFTER surgery for galistones at King's Mill Hospital, Sutton in Ashfield. Nottinghamshire, Christine Crapper no longer suffers from abdominal discomfort, nausea or acute pain but has gained £2,000 and a medical story to make the blood run cold.

Mrs Crapper. 49, of Mansfield, was at first given, accidentally, such a light anaesthetic that she could hear the surgeons talking and experienced the sensation of them opening up her abdomen. She felt the anaesthetic tube in her throat, had the sense that she was suffocating and was conscious of the surgeons rummaging in her

She was, however, quite unable to talk or move to draw their attention to her wakefulness. Mrs Crapper was completely paralysed as the muscle-relaxant she had had, unlike her anaesthetic,

was working perfectly. There is probably a smaller chance of having a bad anaesthetic in Britain than anywhere else in the world, for we realised here, sooner than most doctors elsewhere did, that a good anaesthetist was as important to the patient's recovery as a good surgeon.

The trouble arose at King's Mill Hospital because there was a leaking tube in the anaesthetic machine, so some of the mixture intended to put

Mrs Crapper soundly asleep escaped. The fault was soon noticed, and rectified, after which Mrs Crapper received the correct dose and additional oxygen.

able to hear the anaesthetist say to the surgeon, once the machine was in running or-der. "All right, carry on." For good measure, Mrs Crapper was later also given intravenous midazolam, a benzodiaze-pine marketed as Hypnovel, which is not only a useful sed-ative, but also has the great advantage that in most cases. but not obviously in Mrs Crapper's, it eliminates any memories of the operation.

Mrs Crapper is not the first person to have heard surgeons talking during an oper-ation, nor will she be the last. But this occurs rarely and, even when it does, pain is not often experienced, as this is one of the first sensations to be blunted by anaesthesia. Hearing is the last to go.

In one of the first anaes thetics I ever gave, I was too keen that the patient should wake up after the operation. My anaesthetic was so light that he remembered every word spoken in theatre. The patient, a jolly Cockney, said that he had felt no pain, and was not even concerned. He nonetheless greatly enjoyed recounting the story afterwards whenever we met.



Students at Grange school yesterday. One said: "I do get exhausted going to school six days a week, but it will be worthwhile if I get the grades"

Sunday classes help pupils make the grade

By PAUL WILKINSON

A SCHOOL with some of the worst examination results in the country opened for Sunday lessons yesterday in an attempt to improve students' performance.

Grange upper school, in Bradford, west Yorkshire, which is near the bottom of the education league tables. will open for at least the next five Sundays. About 70 students, all volunteers, turned up yesterday.

Consolidation classes in mathematics, English, science and personal and social development were held from 10am to 1pm at the comprehensive in the mainly Asian district of Great Horton. Richard Thompson, the head teacher, said: "The youngsters have a

offered them the Sunday morning sort of thing we are looking for and classes they nearly bit my hand off. Now half of year II will be coming in the school that it wants to do the best it every Sunday and that is very encour-aging. We are trying to tap into their priority in the district schools to raise motivation; and for them to come in on Sundays affirms the strength within themselves to do well."

The students, aged 15 and 16, are preparing for their GCSEs next year. Six teachers have agreed to take classes voluntarily and Mr Thompson commended their commitment. Only 10 per cent of students at the school gained five GCSEs at grades A to Clast summer, according to the league tables compiled by Bradford Education

John Ryan, Bradford education com-

tremendous thirst for work and when I mittee chairman, said: "This is just the industrial sponsor. the level of achievement and Grange

> these classes, particularly in English and maths. I would like to see other schools follow suit."

Money for the extra classes this month has been provided by Bradford council and next month's lessons will be financed by a donation from the Bradford study support network, a group of parents and educationalists dedicated to improving academic achievement in the city. However, Mr Thompson, who admits that he has

has to be commended for setting up

been going round the community with "a begging bowl" for financial assistance, hopes to attract a business or

One student, Elizabeth Khan, 16, She added: The atmosphere on Sundays is more relaxed than on normal schooldays, which relieves the pressure on the teachers and gives them more time to go through work on

an individual basis."

Zeshann Ejaz, 15, said: "This is an important term for us. I do get exhausted going to school six days a week, but it will be worthwhile if I get the grades I need to become a chemist. I was surprised that so many other pupils turned up on a Sunday. I had

Widow rejects killer's sympathy 4

By RICHARD FORD

THE widow of Philip Lawrence last night dismissed his killer's first words of contrition. Frances Lawrence was responding to an interview Learco Chindamo gave in which he expressed sympathy for the murdered headmaster. She said: "Mr Chindamo's words reported in a public capacity hold little signifi-cance for me. If he were to

communicate privately that might be a different matter."

Chindamo, 16, said he prayed for Mrs Lawrence and her four children and was thinking of writing them a Christmas message of sympa-thy. He said: "I think of him when I am praying. I pray for the family every night and ask God to look after them." Chindamo also said in the interview, published in The Sunday Times: "I think he [Mr

Lawrence] was very brave". Chindamo's calls may now be monitored as ministers are concerned that he was able to talk to a reporter by telephone from the youth treatment centre in Birmingham where he has been detained since being convicted of Mr Lawrence's murder.

Gerry Malone, the Health Minister, is to consider whethcriminals at Glenthorne youth treatment centre should be monitored by staff. At present calls to and from the centre are not monitored, but those for high-risk Category A prisoners are.

One option likely to be discussed would be to seek a court order banning the media from attempting to contact Chindamo or publish details about his whereabouts and



Young laughter masks the quiet despair at Christmas

IN A room at Guy's Hospital,

southeast London, a chil-

dren's Christmas party is taking place, organised by volunteers from the Prince's Trust. There are clowns and balloons, games and music. cakes and ice-cream and some of the young patients are enjoying themselves noisily. Some, but not all. Sian Gorvett, a pretty, fragile-looking six-year-old from Chatham, Kent, is sitting in a pushchair while her parents, Sue and Graham, try to get her to drink from a plastic mug. She is suffering from a rare metabolic disorder which

inhibits her digestion. Despite being on drugs and a special diet, she is subject to infections which make her unable to keep her food down.
"She has lost a lot of weight



Sian Gorvett: has rare metabolic disorder couple of months have been the worst. Her father said: "Our local hospital in Chatham couldn't cope, so she's

and energy and is very tired," her mother said. The last been here in Guy's for the last five weeks and Sue has had to stay with her the whole time."

mystery and, without more money for research, are likely to remain so.

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Sian is one of several children pital — the paediatric unit of the Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital Trust — suffering from what are broadly classi-fied as neurological diseases. They include muscular dystrophy, cerebral paisy, spina bilida and epilepsy and are for many hospital staff the most distressing because in many cases, the prognosis offers little hope of a cure. With other forms of illness, such as heart disease or kidney failure, surgery and transplants can transform young lives. But despite improved treatments the whys and whithers of neurological illnesses are still too often a

Geraldine Taylor, the hospital's children's services manager, said: "I sometimes feel neurology is the poor relation. It's much harder to get across to the public and, in cases where treatment can't offer a cure, we have to

concentrate on improving the quality of the child's life." Back in the ward Fiona Kilby, from Peterborough, is at the bedside of her son. Curtis, aged seven months. He was born with severe rie was norn with severe epilepsy and suffered his first fit when only a week old. "It's very frightening, but you have to learn to live with it," she said. Her two older children, girls aged four and seven, are being looked after at home by their father. She is feeling depressed at the thought of spending Christmas in

hospital.
I try to show some excitement for the girls sake, but my being stuck here doesn't help. There's a chance we may be home for Christmas. I can otily just keep hoping."



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Shellfish shortage threatens survival of oystercatcher

AN URGENT investigation is to be launched into a dramatic and mysterious decline in the number of oystercatchers at the Wash, one of Europe's most important wildlife sites. Surveys by the British Trust for Ornithology have found that the number of oyster-

catchers has slumped from 45,000 to 15,000 in seven Paul Fisher, of the Royal

Society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday: "Numbers of oystercatchers have declined dramatically as have knots. Since 1989 we have lost 30,000 oystercatchers and there is no evidence to suggest they have gone anywhere clse. They have disappeared." The knot, a small sandpiper, has also declined dramatically.

Some of the birds, which feed on shellfish, have overcome their well-documented shyness to feed on earthworms in gardens and on golf courses. The suspicion is that the slump in numbers is linked with an equally dramatic decline in cockles and mussels on the Wash, an estuary whose numbers of wildfowl and wading birds make it the most important coastal area in the British

For four years the mussel fishery has been closed and experts claim that the last good fall of mussel spat - the larval form of mussels that develop into harvestable adults - was a decade ago.

Chris Beach, of the Eastern Fisheries Joint Committee in King's Lynn, Norfolk, said yesterday that the cockle fishery had also declined during the past four years. In an attempt to boost the numbers this year, fishermen's quotas were heavily reduced last year, but the number of cockles continued to fall. Instead of catching 5,000 tonnes in 1996. the fishermen have been able

to harvest only 1,350 tonnes. Earlier this week an urgent meeting was held organised by the committee, involving scientists and conservationists, including those with the Environment Agency, the



good supply of mussels



Ministry of Agriculture, the RSPB and fishermen's groups. It has generated scores of theories about what is causing the decline in birds and shellfish on the Wash and why similar problems have not seen elsewhere in

Mr Fisher said some researchers were linking the problems to global warming. Mussels produce less spat when waters are warm. However, cockles fertility is less severely damaged by rising water temperatures. Computer models of global

warming indicate that there will be more winter storms, which has happened in recent years. Mr Fisher said the Wash was especially sensitive to increasing storminess because it opens the Wash up to the North Sea".

This year also saw the second highest tide recorded on the estuary. "It dumped millions of tonnes of sand from the Lincolnshire coast on to large areas of the Wash's sand flats. This covered up what would have been this year's mussel harvest," Mr

The Wash is also fed by rivers that run through some

of the most intensively farmed land in Europe, increasing speculation that nitrates from fertilisers and pesticides might be involved in the decline in

shellfish. These is also dredg-

ing in the area. The estuary has been chosen along with 11 other sites in Britain, for special European Commission conservation funding as part of the Habitats and Species Directive. Mr Beach said some of the funds would be earmarked for an urgent scientific study into the plight of the Wash at a meeting next month. "There does not seem to be a single factor that can be blamed. In all probability it is a combination of numerous factors," he

John Lake, a local fisherman and fish processor, said that urgent action was needed to save the Wash's shellfish and fishing industry, as well as its wildlife. He accused the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday of "sweeping the matter under the carpet'

Mr Lake, whose boats are based at King's Lynn, said fishermen were convinced that dredging at the mouth of the estuary was to blame. Dredging, for coastal defences from Skegness to Grimsby on the Lincolnshire coast, has been operating for about 24 years. The Wash was the richest UK source of shellfish. Since the dredging started it has become a desert." he said.

Last year he exported 450 tonnes of brown shrimp but this year only 15 tonnes. "We are at an all-time low of cockles, mussels and brown shrimp . . . this year, we have also had no skate or sole coming into the Wash," Mr

He added that the 400 or so shellfishermen working on the estuary faced economic ruin. Mr Lake said that they had tried whelk fishing off Grimsby, but that had run out and this year they had turned to cockles in the Thames estuary. "Where will we go next year?

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John Lake, one of 400 shellfishermen on the Wash facing economic ruin

reneging on payouts

Rail firms accused of

targets to reduce the compensation that they must pay, a watchdog has told the Transport Secretary. David Bertram. chairman of the Central Rail Users Consultative Committee, said some were refusing to pay for missed connections and cumulative delays caused by problems on other operators' trains. "Companies are restricting compensation to situations where only they are at fault." The minister. Sir George Young, said he was keen to ensure that passengers did not lose out. Glenda Jackson, a Labour transport spokeswoman, said: "Thousands of commuters are set to ose compensation to which they were previously entitled.

Britons held in drug raid

Three Britons were arrested in Barranquilla, on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, when police seized £33 million of cocaine from an American-registered yacht. The three were named as Michael Hayne, his son, Alan, and David Maurice Shaw. It is alleged that they were involved in attempting to smuggle 194 kilograms of cocaine into Europe via the British Virgin Islands. Police said Shaw had entered Colombia on many occasions. diurged to

Farm butterflies at risk

Protection of farm grasslands is needed to save British butterflies, Martin Warren, of the group Butterfly Conservation, told the conference of the British Association of Nature Conservationists. He said that three farm species had become extract the black-veined white, the mazarine blue and the large blue. Five were at risk: the pearl-bord-ered fritillary, small pearl-bordered fritillary, high brown fritillary, marsh fritillary and the silver-spotted skipper.

E. coli cases increase

Two new suspected cases of E. coli food poisoning have been reported in Forth Valley and Lanarkshire, bringing the total in Scotland to 399. Forth Valley now has 87 suspected cases, of which 71 have been confirmed, and Lanarkshire has 312 cases, 147 confirmed. Twelve people have died in the outbreak and many, including a number of children, are still seriously ill in hospital.

Number up for car rush

The ritual rush for new cars on August I may be replaced by a change of number-plate registration only once every two to four years, under proposals to be announced by the Government tomorrow. Ministers are considering the less frequent switch, with regions changing at different times, to ease the strain on the motor industry. A quarter of its annual sales now take place in August.

Honest drunk banned

A motorist who went to police to confess drink-driving has been banned for 15 months. Andrew Browning, 24, of Myfor Bridge, Cornwall, walked to a police station after hitting a kerb and puncturing a tyre as he drove home in the early hours. He was worried about his stranded ear being a road hazard, and was found to be twice the alcohol limit. He was also fined £200 by Falmouth magistrates.

NHS cuts eczema drugs

The National Eczema Society has written to its 15,000 drop treatments from the NHS prescription list for people with skin conditions. The Advisory Committee on NHS Drugs has recommended that 37 skin treatments are no longer offered on prescription. Those drugs still available over the counter would have to be bought at fall price.

Award for McCartneys

Paul and Linda McCartney received an award from the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, for their work in fighting and publicising animal cruelty, especially the fur trade. The Lifetime Achievement Award, presented at a ceremony in Hollywood by the actors Alec Baldwin and Kim. Basinger, was accepted via a video link. Mrs McCartney was unable to attend because she is recovering from chemotherapy treatment for cancer. McCartney is recording a new solo



Dunblane single soars

The Dunblane Christmas record, Knockin' on Heaven's Door, was confirmed yesterday as the country's best-selling single, six days after going on sale. The song, performed by 14 children from Dunblane's primary and secondary schools, had its public launch on December 5 and went on sale on December 9, by which time 500,000 advance orders

Tally-ho' taunts strengthen political determination of Anglo-Irish earl

By Nicholas Watt CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SMOULDERING anti-English sentiment has ignited in the Irish Republic after an Anglo-Irish earl failed to win selection to represent the governing Fine Gael party at the next general election.

The Earl of Mount Charles, whose family fought with the Protestant William of Orange during the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, has been accused by a Fine Gael colleague of being an "absentee lord" and of

having a "tally-ho" attitude. The "Brit bashing" has prin-cipally been associated with Bertie Ahern, vehemently republican leader of Fianna Fail. lreland's largest political party. But John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister and Fine Gael leader, has become involved after Lord Mount Charles failed to be selected in Co Louth, where he won a creditable 4,161 votes at the last poll. The earl's strongest ally in Fine Gael said that Mr Bruton



The Earl of Mount Charles outside his home: his ambition is to sit in the Dail and the House of Lords

English heritage in Ireland. The Taoiseach won wide-spread praise when he said on the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day last year that the Repub-"harness all the strands that go into the making of the Irish tradition". Frank Smith, the earl's ally,

was not living up to his public said: "John Bruton won't face up to the republicanism in Fine Gael. There is hidden agenda in the party, in com-mon with all parties in this country that still see things as Ireland versus England.* Lord Mount Charles, 45, is furious about comments by

Fergus O'Dowd, who won the Fine Gael nomination in Co

Louth, Mr O'Dowd said of the earl, who is known in the Republic as Mr Henry Mount Charles: "It's a case of very sour grapes, mixed with a liberal dash of tally ho ... How long is it since Henry attended a Fine Gael meeting? An absentee lord can expect no

special treatment." There is speculation that Lord Mount Charles may now stand in Mr Bruton's constituency of Co Meath, the earl's home county, despite previously giving an undertaking

The earl, a colourful figure who has hosted rock concerts at his Slane Castle estate, He is determined one day to sit in both the Dail and the House of Lords. He is the heir to his father, the 7th Marquess Conyngham. "It is healthy to have people in the Dail who come from a mixed background," he said. "Until we understand the contradictions on this island we cannot move

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Carey warns of growing pains

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury warned yesterday against the jealousy, pain and neglect that can result in an organisation experiencing rapid growth, such as the Church of England.

After decades of falling numbers, when bishops and archbishops have busied themselves mainly with clos-ing churches and managing decline, Dr George Carey now finds himself in the position of helping churches to cope with growing congregations.

Dr Carey, in a sermon at Holy Trinity Brompton, in Knightsbridge, west London, a prime example of Anglican growth, said: "We live in disturbing as well as exciting times for the Church." He said that rapid growth could lead to disappointment and feelings of neglect among "those who are jealous that one

person, or group, or scheme seems to be getting more attention than another". Dr Carey also emphasised

that if a church in the city or countryside was not growing, it did not necessarily mean that it was being unfaithful.

The turnaround in Anglican churchgoing numbers, which can be traced roughly to the date that Dr Carey took office in 1991, has taken many bishops by surprise. Certainly, few thought that their new archbishop would ever find himself delivering sermons on how to cope with the problems of growth.

The Church of England, which has about 1.1 million people in church each Sunday, and where Christmas communicants have increased to 1.5 million, is now seeing one new congregation "planted" or established every two weeks. In the first three years of the decade of evangelism, 102 new churches were planted, while 84 church buildings were made redundant. In the past two years the number of new churches has continued to exceed the number of closures.

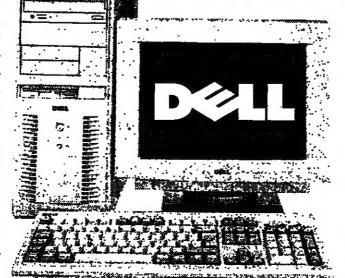
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Funny money cannot change sceptical public into Euro enthusiasts

banknotes; in the middle of next year they will unveil the coins. Rules are churning out of the Brussels machine and the "stability pact" is sealed. But the European Union's great and good are still groping for a Big Idea.

In Dublin last weekend and in the corridors of Brussels, you can still sense an undercurrent of worry he-neath the façade of busy preparations for the single

A few weeks ago I listened to an experienced European Commissioner admit in private that Euro-scepticism was



gaining ground across the continent. Disrespect for the EU's institutions and uninterest in their agenda were not confined to Britain, he ac-knowledged. But people in Brussels think, he added, that

"provided we get monetary union, everything will be OK". He did not sound so sure. The Commissioner reflected a half-spoken fear that the single currency may be loaded with more hopes than it can carry, on its own, the euro may not be the magic ingredient required to relight passion for a united Europe. If it goes wrong, it might have the opposite effect. In short, there is no big, lovable idea

any more. Once upon a time the architects of a federal EU imagined that if Europeans feit they were all part of the same political community, they would be happy to live

policies and in the end be keen to use the same money. In Brussels jargon, political and economic union would precede monetary union. The fact that nobody could agree whether the EU was supposed to be a cohesive superpower or simply a system to stop wars in Europe — sepa-rate purposes demanding quite different solutions did not seem to matter much.

The Maastricht treaty nailed down the single currency but left "political union" as vague as ever: worshipped throughout Ger-

under the same economic to in France but nowhere written on paper. Now member states are trying to rewrite the treaty in an inter-governmental conference (IGC), and getting nowhere. Tory ministers may froth

about majority voting and Jacques Santer, the Commission President, may mutter that Britain's "hour of truth" is approaching, but they know that the IGC does not amount to a row of beans.
The EU is spinning its wheels but at a higher level," says Professor Hans-Peter Schwarz of Bonn University, in a penetrating attack on Germany's never-ending

wish to nudge its partners to

Professor Schwarz, greatest living expert on the federalist faithful of his country's Christian Democratic Party, offers a simple explanation: "The more voters worry about the mysterious workings of the global economy, the less they are ready to give up the principle of popular sover-

eignty."
The real redistribution of power inside the EU will be the divisions drawn by the single currency: which states are in, which are out and the balance of power between the

two groups.

Far-sighted federalists see two dangers lurking: first,

feel dragged into the gravita-tional field of the Bundesbank under the false pretence that monetary union would give them control of

Trance may have won a tactical victory in Dublin on the deficit rules. but Paris's attempts to talk down the independence of what will be a Germanflavoured central bank have been a wholesale failure so

The second and larger risk lies in relying on the single currency to accomplish the unification which has defeat-

ed politicians. There is no obvious reason why depoliticising the control of money and changing the colour of their banknotes should make a Dutchman or an Irishwoman feel more European than

they already do. Elizabeth Guigou, now an MEP but once France's leading EU treaty negotiator, was worrying about this in Dublin. Naturally, she wants the single currency to happen but sees "a real danger" in letting money take all the strain: "As far as public opinion is concerned, one money on its own

GEORGE BROCK

Dutch urged to freeze Britain out of talks

BRITAIN could be cut out of. negotiations for a new Maas-tricht treaty until after the general election under a scheme pressed by several European Union states on the Dutch Government, which assumes the EU presidency on

According to Michiel Patijn. the Dutch minister who takes over as head of the treaty negotiations, frustration over the pre-electoral paralysis in Britain's conduct of EU affairs is prompting demands for the 14 other members to draft a new treaty without London.

"There are some who are suggesting that we have a negotiation at 14, and then see what the British can do," Mr Patijn said. "Others are saying if you do that you basically have two negotiations in a row, first 14 and then with the British. That's a prospect that is not very appealing. We had better negotiate with 15 for now, and see how far we can go and wait for political events next spring."

Britain's Euro-reluctance, compounded by the imminent election, is the biggest chall-enge facing Mr Patijn, Minister for European Affairs in The Netherlands' centre-left coalition Government, as he prepares to take over from Ireland the chair of the inter-

governmental conference (IGC), the treaty negotiations. the countdown to what At their summit in Dublin. Jacques Santer, the Commison Saturday, EU leaders gave their blessing to Ireland's out-line draft for a revamped treaty as the basis for the final



Charles Bremner in Dublin reports on the tough negotiating strategy being proposed against the Tory Government

emerge from a summit in Amsterdam in June. However, all the hard bargaining has been left to the Dutch

Mr Patijn said The Netherlands, which is one of the most federal-minded EU members, intends to get to grips immediately with the tough "institutional" issues and would not tolerate the speechmaking that had characterised the IGC in its nine months so far. the negotiations and insisted that Britain would block the drive, supported by all 14 others, to remove the veto from some areas of EU decision-making.

The Government's abrasive approach sharpened the chorus of irustration in Dublin from EU officials who are weary with what they see as the obstruction being applied by Britain to the Maastricht revamp. Eyes looked to the

6 Eyes looked to the ceiling in the summit chamber when Major embarked on an economics lecture 9

Britain versus the rest, these are about whether to extend majority voting and curb the veto, the shape of the Commission, the power of the Parliament and schemes for a more

flexible. Europe. The Dublin summit started the countdown to what sion President, calls Europe's "moment of truth" at Amster-dam. In ebuilient form, John Major predicted that he would be in Amsterdam to wind up

Dividing the 15 into, half a ceiling in the summit chamber dozen different camps, not just when Mr Major embarked on when Mr Major embarked on a lecture to his fellow leaders on Friday on the merits of British economic policy, according to French officials.

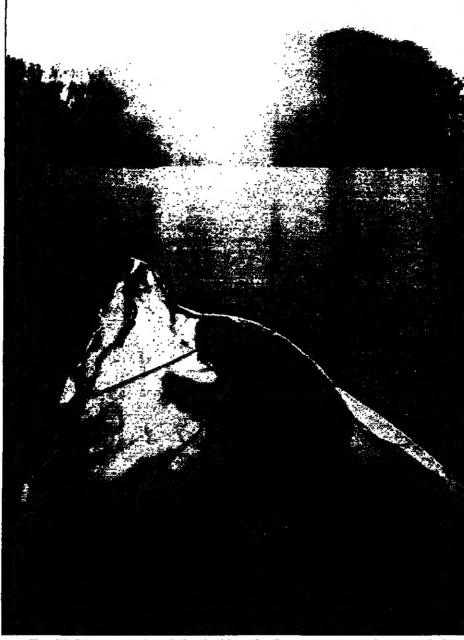
The conventional Euro-wisdom is that the thorn would be at least partly removed from the European flesh if Britain were governed by Tony Blair. The question widely being asked is whether a Labour government would have enough time in power to fix Britain's position by June. Mr Patijn said: "Any British govwill have a much stronger

The Netherlands will work to avert the production of a minimalist treaty in Amster-dam, Mr Patijn said. The Dutch Government has not, he acknowledged, forgotten the trauma of its last turn in the EU chair in 1991, when it produced a draft for the Maastricht treaty that was rejected as too federalist by all the other members. The Irish text will form the basis of "Maastricht II", rather than any grand new scheme of the 1991

The Netherlands will nevertheless push for its own vision. which is reflected in the language of Wim Kok, the Prime Minister, who believes that the EU should be "freed from the tyranny of decision-making by unanimity". The Netherlands wants a stronger Commission, more power for the European Parliament, and beefed-up machinery for foreign policy and borders and police work.

On Saturday, Mr Major hammered home Britain's refusal to contemplate the call, already in the Irish draft, for a frontier-free Europe. "Our border controls are not going to be changed, not just because we are being stubborn and difficult, but because we have a wholly different tradition from our continental part-

Matthew Parris and William Rees-Mogg, page 18



A Kazakh fisherman takes shelter inside a plastic tent against the freezing winds while fishing on the frozen Ishim river near Akmola in central Kazakhstan

Coalition partner turns fire on Prodi

FROM RICHARD OWEN

PROFESSOR Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, returned from the Dublin European Union summit at the weekend to find himself shoring up his fraying centre-left "Olive Tree" coalition intead of trumpeting Italy's hard-fought progress toward

joining the single currency. Massimo D'Alema, the leader of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) - the former Communists and the main party in the coalition -chose Signor Prodi's absence to launch a wide-ranging attack on his leadership, saying the centre-left coalition had lost sight of the reforming ideals with which it was formed two years ago.

In an interview with La Repubblica, Signor D'Alema - who has not concealed his prime ministerial ambitions said the Prodi Government was "not about to fall". But it should rely more on the PDS rather than being reduced to day-to-day management in an attempt to force through a "budget for Europe".

Signor D'Alema said the Government was dependent on the hard-left Rifondazione Comunista in the lower house, yet had no programmatic agreement with it. Instead of avoiding the issue, it should oen formal talks with the Communists on Italy's bloated public administration, welfare, pensions and constitutional reforms.

City court quashes **Milosevic** poll win

BY MICHAEL EVANS. AND JAMES PETTIFER

PRESIDENT Milosevic, the Serbian leader, came under renewed pressure over rigged elections yesterday when up to 250,000 people took to the streets of Belgrade. Their action followed a dramatic court ruling in the southern industrial city of Nis which reinstated the election victory won by the Opposition last month.

The court decided in favour of the opposition coalition, which had appealed against the ruling by the local election commission that the ruling Socialists had won. The city election commis-sion in Nis, Serbia's second

largest city, was accused of forging results in 17 election districts, ensuring victory for the Socialists. Last week Nis district court ordered the election commission to hand over all election documents. Milo Ilic, the recently ousted

pro-Milosevic boss of Nis, is a hated figure. He spent taxes to provide his gun-toting entourage with trips to night clubs. The Belgrade protesters vowed to go on demonstrating until the President gave way. The demonstration ended in a

huge rally last night. Zoran Djindjic, a prominent opposition leader, said on the 28th consecutive day of protest against the cancellation last month of local election results: Our protests will last until Serbia becomes a legal state." . the capital on Saturday.



A Serbian boy makes the Orthodox sign of victory at an anti-Milosevic protest in Belgrade yesterday

Yesterday a small group of students from Nis began a symbolic march to Belgrade. The 17 students, representing the 17 electoral districts in Nis where the results were allegedly forged, said their 145-mile march was intended to draw the attention of local and world public opinion.

In a letter to Mr Milosevic. the Nis students said they were determined to stop dictatorship taking over the country. About 130 students from the northern town of Novi Sad finished a 50-mile march to

Earlier, news media con-trolled by Mr Milosevic accused the demonstrators of being in the service of America. Germany and other powers. Serbian television showed marchers with American and

German flags.

Vuk Draskovic, Serbia's chief opposition leader, left for Geneva yesterday to meet John Kornblum, the American envoy for the former Yugoslavia. Mr Milosevic has invited mediators from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to find a solution to the crisis.

Russian greens hail release of nuclear protester

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN environmentalists authorities of trying to frighthailed the release vesterday from a St Petersburg prison of Aleksandr Nikitin, who had been dubbed the country's first post-Communist political

Although charges still stand against Captain Nikitin, environmentalists said they were confident they would now be dropped. However, their long-term goal, a full investigation into levels of radiation in the Kola peninsula in the Russian Arctic, still looks remote.

Captain Nikitin, a former naval officer in the Russian Northern Fleet, had passed information on the parlous state of the nuclear industry in the Murmansk region of the far north to the Norwegian ecological group, Bellona. His detention had become a test case not only for human rights in the post-Communist era but of glasnost in the militaryindustrial complex.

A year ago Bellona staff members had their homes raided and documents and computer disks were confiscated in a crackdown by the FSB, the successor to the KGB. Then in February Captain Nikitin, who left the navy in 1992, was arrested and accused of being a spy. The charge was "treason against the motherland" which carries a possible death sentence. although the captain was kept

in a common cell. The arrest caused a storm of protest. Bellona accused the en away attention to an impending ecological crisis in the

Murmansk region. The area has a nightmarish list of problems, which qualify it to be the world's largest nuclear rubbish dump. The amounts of unsafe waste are probably the greatest in the world after spent fuel was regularly disposed of straight into the sea.

Seventy nuclear submarines are rusting in harbour without a proper programme for their upkeep; one of their number, the Komsomolers, caught fire and sank off the Kola peninsula, although a predicted large radiation leak has not occurred. There is also a nuclear plant of Soviet vintage on the peninsula and a huge number of poorly main-

tained waste dumps.
At Zapadnaya Litsa, the main storage facility for nuclear waste, Bellona says most of the waste was moved to "temporary" open-air containers after an accident in 1982; it has stayed there ever since. Captain Nikitin was not even involved in most of this.

The FSB reverted to oldstyle tactics in the Nikitin case. Bellona activists were denied visas, while the FSB denied that the arrest had anything to do with Bellona. But the issue had clearly become too politically sensitive to ignore after it was repeatedly raised by the Norwegian Government and the European Parliament.

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Yeltsin's economic miseries eased by £6bn from IMF

By Thomas de Waai.

IN AN early new year gift to President Yeltsin, who is due back at work in the next fortnight, the International Monetary Fund agreed to unfreeze its \$10 billion (£6 billion) loan package to Russia at the weekend and the opposition-dominated parliament was cajoled into passing the 1997 budget. In another sign that the country may be over the worst of months of

economic misery, work has resumed at most pits after an agreement to end the ten-day miners' strike. However workers at 62 mines, around a quarter of the total, continued the stoppage yesterday and a new strike was declared by air traffic controllers.

largest in its history, was approved

after it noted that a special govern-ment commission had raised rates of

The IMFs decision to resume payments of its loan, the second

tax collection. So far, however, it has only agreed to pay the \$336 million tranche it blocked in October and made no decision for November or December.

Since Mr Yeltsin's re-election in July, the Russian economy has been mired in a non-payments crisis because tax revenues have been so low. As a result, millions of people are destitute because they have not been

released yesterday put wage arrears by November 25 at 46.62 trillion roubles (£5 billion).

The budget, which was initially opposed by Communists in the State Duma, was passed yesterday in what has become a familiar pattern of opposition deputies allowing themselves to be bought off at the last moment. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, added an extra 30 trillion roubles to a new draft.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Youth's murderer 'lied in court for Winnie Mandela'

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE MANDELA'S tainted past is back under the spotlight after the convicted child murderer Jerry Richardson, one-time head of her notorious Soweto vigilante gang, claimed in an interview at the weekend that he had lied under oath and now intended to tell all.

Richardson, the former coach of the "Mandela United football club", is serving a life sentence for killing Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, 14, the Soweto youth murdered in 1989 after being beaten up at Mrs Mandela's house in the township. In an interview with City Press, a newspaper with a largely black readership, he described himself as the forgotten man" and spoke of his plans to testify about crimes before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is investigating apartheid era

Under a headline "I lied to save Winnie", Richardson said: "They [the commission] must let me give evidence and I will tell all. His allegations are serious

because they conflict with previous accounts of who was involved in the notorious case. Mandela United was formed in the late 1980s as a personal vigilante gang to protect Mrs Mandela, and Richardson, appointed its leader, was convicted of murdering Stompie.

He was one of four youths who were suspected of being police informers who were kidnapped by him and taken to Mrs Mandela's home on

At Mrs Mandela's subsequent trial in 1991, when she was convicted on four counts of kidnapping, the judge found that she had authorised the kidnapping but that she was not at home for the assault. But the circumstances of the kidnapping and murder have remained a subject of

Richardson's counsel admitted during his trial that he had lied to protect Mrs Mandela. Three years ago, in another interview with City Press, he said he would never betray Mrs Mandela, a woman he loved. But prompted by bitterness — she has never visited him in prison — and the prospect that he may be able to obtain amnesty through the truth commssion for his past



Winnie Mandela: sees

throat with a knife. Richard-

son said some of those in-

volved in the murder are now

in government and another member of the football club is

in the South African National

Defence Force. He also men-

tioned how his co-acccused,

Jubulani Kubheka, was grant-

ed amnesty by the former

has powers to grant amnesty

for political crimes committed

with a political motive and

Richardson has been encour-

aged by recent developments

surrounding successful appli-cations by convicted killers.

Brian Mitchell, one of apart-

heid's most notorious killer

policemen, walked free from

prison this month after serv-

ing just four years of a 30-year

sentence for 11 murders after

the commission agreed that

his crimes were politically motivated. To obtain amnesty

applicants must make full

morse for their crimes.

disclosure and express re-

death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, said he

regretted killing the youth and now realised that he had not been an informer.

Richardson, whose earlier

The truth commission now

Government.

to many members of the er ousts the head of state and Recalling the horrific murinstals the army commander in his place. The difference der, he said several people were involved in the brutal interrogation of Stompie over this time is that the scenario was played out not in a far-off banana republic but at UN four days, at the end of which the youth's face was so swollen headquarters in New York. he could not speak. He said a group of them took the boy to open veld where he cut his

Kofi Annan's appointment as the next UN Secretary-General, due to be confirmed by the General Assembly tomorrow, is the result of an American-sponsored "palace coup" aimed at mending the organisation's battered relations with Washington.

US 'palace

coup' put

Annan at

UN helm

THE phenomenon is familiar

The UN, of course, does not have its own army, but the courtly Mr Annan, an American-educated Ghanaian, ran its closest equivalent, the department of peacekeeping operations, which at its height had 75,000 troops in the field.

For the Americans, Boutros Boutros Ghali had proved a troublesome UN chief. Despite all the talk emanating from Washington about UN reform, it was the huge UN peacekeeping missions in So-malia and Bosnia that led to his downfall. He alienated the American Right by appearing to order US troops into battle in Somalia, and offended the Left by trying to prevent US airstrikes in Bosnia.

Mr Annan was by his boss's side the whole time, but avoided the blame entirely. Identified early as a "rising star", Mr Annan's spectacular as-cent through the ranks in recent years owed much to American support. Holding an economics degree from Malacester College, Minnesota, and a master's in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr Annan was well qualified to assume senior UN budgetary

positions at a time when Washington was seeking thor-ough UN reform. When the United States wanted to transfer its peacekeeping mission in Somalia to UN command in 1993, Mr Annan was promoted to the head of the peacekeeping department. He also served, at Washington's behest, as the special UN envoy in Bosnia during the transition from the UN mission to the current

Dr Boutros Ghali's inner circle became increasingly paranoid about Mr Annan emerging as a pretender to the Secretary-General's throne. Diplomats say that earlier this year Dr Boutros Ghali summoned his peacekeeping chief to ask him whether he was seeking the top UN job.

Mr Annan routinely denied that he was interested in the post, and scrupulously avoided any hint of disloyalty. He got the job anyway.



Rwandan Hutus cross the Rusumo Falls bridge as they make the long trek home

Tanzania drives out Rwandan 🦻 refugees

al Iran

By SAM KILEY AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TANZANIAN soldiers yesterday drove an estimated 200,000 refugees from the largest refugee camp in Tan-zania and herded them along the road towards Rwanda. The Hutu refugees said the army entered Benaco camp at about noon and forced them out with sticks and batons.

The huge movement of refugees back to Rwanda was the second in a month; more than half a million trekked into Rwanda from camps in eastern Zaire. It may mark the final days of impunity for the Internhamme, the Hutu mili-tia behind the 1994 genocide of a million Rwandan Tutsis and Hutu moderates.

No accurate estimates of how many refugees were planning to cross back to Rwanda could be made yesterday, but the Rwandan Hutus queued ten abreast at the Rusumo Falls border crossing in a line that stretched back ten miles.

The United Nations World Food Programme said about 100,000 had been herded southeast, deeper into Tanzania, by the Interahamwe and had managed to evade Tanzanian soldiers who had sealed off the camps and erected roadblocks so that refugees could not avoid going home. In April 1994 Rusumo Falls

achieved international notori-ety as the bodies of hundreds of genocide victims tumbled down the 100ft cascade. A little more than a month later local Hutus flooded across the bridge into Tanzania, leaving machetes, the tools of the genocide, in piles 10ft high.

Colombia holds Britons over £30m cocaine haul on yacht

By Gabriella Gamini, south america correspondent

THREE Britons have been accused of trying to smuggle cocaine worth an estimated \$50 million (£30 million) from Colombia's northern port of Barranguilla in a luxury yacht named Perla Mar.

Michael Hayne, his son Alan and David Maurice Caribbean port on Friday evening and were yesterday being questioned by the local anti-drugs police which works closely with agents of the US Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA).
Police found 427lb of best-

quality cocaine stashed in the cupboards and hidden under the floorboards of the US-registered yacht which the three men were crewing. We found cocaine worth at least \$50 million on their yacht. We stamps.

do not know where it was destined for, or whether those arrested are a part of a larger ring of traffickers," said General José Rosso Serrano, chief of Colombia's anti-drugs police. General Rosso is famous in Colombia for capturing the top bosses of the Cali drugs cartel masterminded 80 per cent of

that Mr Shaw had apparently entered Colombia on various occasions and that Mr Havne had crossed into the country from Venezuela but did not have valid customs entry

the world's cocaine trade. The Britons are being held at the port city's El Bosque prison and are expected to face questioning over the next few days. A police spokesman said

Barranquilla is a notorious drugs port. Only two months ago police seized the biggest cargo of cocaine to be captured just a few miles offshore, when they boarded a Honduras-registered fishing trawler which had seven tonnes of cocaine hidden in

Colombia's anti-drugs police have in the past year stepped up the anti-drugs war, and started clamping down on traffickers who use a common route across the Caribbean to the United States. It is all part of a wider plan by President Samper, who has given way to American pres-sure after he was accused of accepting \$6 million from the Cali drugs cartel towards funding his 1994 election campaign.

Arafat hits back at Netanyahu charge

FROM ROSS DUNN FROM JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binvamin Netanvahu, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, yesterday both gave warnings of the risk of violent confrontation and blamed each other for raising tensions in the Middle East.

"We have solid information ing for a new wave of violence," Mr Netanyahu told Israel Radio, referring to the September riots which left 86 people dead. The Israeli leader was speaking after his Cabi-net's decision last week to provide financial incentives to Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza strip.

Mr Netanyahu accused Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority of having no real interest in the peace negotiations and said the Palestinians only

wanted to impose their demands. They included a reduction in the overall size of the Jewish State and a division of Jerusalem into two capitals. Mr Arafat said in Gaza City that Mr Netanyahu was sim-

ply trying to divert attention from his settlements decision. TUTELATEM Israeli newspaper, Yediot Aharonot, Mr Arafat said the announcement was "a time homb". He said: "Soon we will not be able to stop the downward slide and once we have counted up the dead we will be back where we started."

He dismissed any idea of meeting Mr Netanyahu at this stage. "What would be the use?" Mr Arafat asked. "Everybody blames him [Mr Netanyahu] but he carries

Corsican towns hit in guerrilla raids

Paris: Bombs and gunfire racked Corsica at the weekend when suspected separatists fired from a car at a paramilitary barracks in Bastia, on the Mediterranean island's northern tip (Susan Bell writes). No one was injured in yesterday's predawn raid which lest 16 bullet holes in the building's façade. As the gunmen drove off, they fired at an electricity office. So far no one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but it is believed to be the work of the outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front. Yesterday afternoon a bomb went off in

New Gulf War 'victims'

Veterans from the Czech Republic Army claim to be suffering "Gulf War syndrome" (Michael Evans writes). The soldiers, from a specialist unit which was responsible for "sniffing out" signs of chemical warfare during the 1991 Gulf War, claim they have had a range of illnesses, including chronic fatigue, hair and teeth loss and severe headaches. Britain and America are investigating claims that thousands of their soldiers are suffering from Gulf War syndrome.

Serious role for actor

Bucharest: Among the leading ministers in the new Government sworn in by Romania's President, Emil Constantinescu, is Ion Caramitrou, right, a former actor (Sean Hillen writes). Mr Caramitrou, who was in the recent film Mission Impossible with Tom Cruise, has been named Minister of Culture. He joined the Romanian delegation to the Dublin summit at the weekend.



Russia warns Chechens

Moscow: Russian officials warned Chechen separatists that the capture of 22 Russian soldiers could halt Moscow's military withdrawal from the region, the RIA news agency said. About 65 Chechens seized the Russians on Saturday, near the Dagestan-Chechnya border. Anatoli Shirko, commander of the Russian Interior Ministry forces, was reported to have said. The incident had seriously complicated the withdrawal of Russian troops". (Reuter)

38 die in Somali battle

Mogadishu: At least 38 people were killed and more than 90 injured when heavy fighting erupted in the Medina district of Mogadishu, the Somali capital. The fighting, between forces of warlord Hussein Muhammad Aidid and those of rival faction leaders Osman Hassan Ali Atto and Musa Sidi Yalahow, followed a series of clashes last week in the same area. Residents said the fighting began when the Aidid contingent began to loot the main market. (Reuter)

Threat to kill prince

Phnom Penh: Hun Sen, the Cambodian Co-Prime Minister, threatened to shoot down any airliner that brought the exiled Prince Norodom Sirivudh back to Phnom Penh. The half-brother of King Sihanouk, who went into exile in Prance after allegedly plotting to assassinate Mr Hun Sen, is now determined to return home. Mr Hun Sen said he would only allow Prince Siriyudh to protect a section of the said her colleged. allow Prince Sirivudh to return safely if King Sihanouk pardoned the prince. (Reuter)

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Historians vote Clinton less than average leader

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE first Schlesinger poll of second term offers at once the leading American historians in more than a decade concluded yesterday that Bill Clinton and his two Republican predecessors were less than average Presidents of the United States.

The ranking, first intro-duced in 1948 by Arthur Schlesinger, the Harvard historian, was this year accompanied by an interpretation by his son, Arthur Schlesinger Jnr, also an historian and a former adviser to President Kennedy.

The younger Schlesinger concluded that Mr Clinton was a highly skilled politician who lacked self-discipline. The President's judgment of people was erratic and the historian deemed Mr Clinton flagrantly opportunistic in his political

"He rushes to propitiate the audience before him, often at his own expense. His scandals and cover-ups are ripe for exploitation by a vindictive opposition." Mr Schlesinger wrote in The New York Times, where the poli was published. "Who can tell how this combination of talents and infirmities will play out? Clinton's



Lincoln: acclaimed as

two near greats, two failures and five below average.

President Reagan — who by

potential of greatness and the potential of humiliation." comparison received seven The Schlesinger poll asked a jury of 32 luminaries, includnear greats, 11 average votes, ing Mario Cuomo, the former nine below average and four failures - was ranked lower than President Bush, who had Governor of New York, and Doris Kearns Goodwin, the presidential historian, to place 16 average, 12 below average and one failure. All three every American leader in one joined a list including Madi-son, Taft, Ford and Carter as of five categories — great, near great, average, below average and failure - based on White average (low). House performance. Mr Clinton gained 17 average votes,

Lincoln, as in past Schlesinger polls, was regarded by scholars as the best President in history. He was joined by Washington and Franklin Roosevelt as the only three greats. Jefferson, Truman, Wilson and Teddy Roosevelt were among the near greats. Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson were included in the average (high) category.
With his domestic policy

likely to be hampered by a Republican Congress, Mr Clinton's chances of achieving a better rating in the next scholarly survey appear slim. Mr Schlesinger recommended that he concentrate a second term on an agenda abroad, including renewed commitment to peace in Ireland, the Middle East and Bosnia.

Rifkind tries to kickstart Cyprus peace talks

MALCOLM RIFKIND, the Foreign Secretary, begins talks in Cyprus today with the leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities in an attempt to nudge forward one of the world's most intractable peace negotia-tions (Michael Binyon writes). He will have a working breakfast with

President Clerides, and then travel across

an attempt to end the 20-year stalemate on the divided island. It will be the first time for a generation that a British Foreign Secretary has held talks on both sides of the dividing line.

During his two-day visit Mr Rifkind will urge the two communities to define their minimum security requirements as well as the areas over which they have the green line in Nicosia to meet Rauf previously been close to agreement on the stalled benktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, in Britain is not proposing a new blueprint,

nor does Mr Rifkind see his visit as a speciacular new British initiative. However, with two important sovereign bases on the island as well as British troops serving with UN forces along the green line, Britain's influence in its former colony is still considerable. The Foreign Secretary hopes permanent members of the UN Security Council will concentrate on the stalled UN plan for a two-zone

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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

ceding information to America about the Dhahran incident, is

making a deliberate attempt to destabilise Iran.

we're getting into here," said a senior member of the National Security Council. "All the in-formation from Saudi Arabia

must be confirmed by us and

others before anything is

Nonetheless the Pentagon.

which wants to be ready in the

case of any eventuality, is said

to be in the advanced stages of

planning for a tailor-made

response to Iran which might

include strategic attacks on

guerrilla training camps iden-tified by the CIA.

media reports, Pentagon plans

missiles launched from air-

craft carriers deployed in the Gulf, or Stealth fighters oper-

ating from a base in Saudi

British officials in Washing-

ton said they were unaware of

any "detailed plan" and are

not expecting any immediate

ings have been made among

the European allies, but yes-

terday there appeared to have

All sides are aware that the

policy of "critical dialogue"

with fran has failed; but the

Clinton Administration,

even further from the West.

been no active consultation.

According to some Western

considered."

"We have to be sure what

contingency plans for military

strikes against Iran, but the

Pentagon said yesterday no

action would be taken until

defence chiefs received "com-

plete" confirmation linking

the Tehran regime to a June bombing of American bar-

Louis Freeh, the director of the

FBI, had been passed intelli-

gence by the Saudi Arabian

Government linking a group of Saudi Shia Muslim extrem-

ists to the bombing of the Khobar Towers in Dhahran

which killed 19 American

Confessions of at least 40 of

the Shias, combined with elec-

tronic cavesdropping by the

Saudis, were said to confirm

that the group had been sponsored by Iran and had.

strong connections with Iran-

At the same time, reports in

Washington stated that Iran

was flying at least three 747

cargo jets of weapons and

humanitarian supplies to Syr-

ia every month for shipment to

Hezbollah, the radical Islamic

group in Lebanon. The weap-

ons included the Russian-

made Sagger anti-tank missile

and long-range Katyusha rockets, which the Israelis

claim could be launched from

Lebanon as far south as Haifa.

growing case against Iran,

American intelligence is also

convinced that at least two of

the Palestinian extremists involved in deadly vehicle

bombings against Israel this

The White House is expect-

ing pressure from Republi-

made showing that Iran sponscred either the bombers in Dhahran or upgraded

must be incontrovestible before any action is taken, offici-

als said. Some intelligence

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against Iran IRAN'S stipreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has said that an attack by the United States would have dire consequences for the entire oilrich Gulf region.

Khamenei said: "The American Administration ... has decided to strike. They did not say so but evidence indicates

Iranian officials and busi-nessmen speculated that tar-gets could include Iran's fortified in recent months.

"It [the US] should know insecure for the enemies of the

Iran has vehemently denied any direct or indirect involvement in the Saudi bombing. insisting that Tehran is being made the scapegoat for a home-grown terrorist problem in the pro-US kingdom.



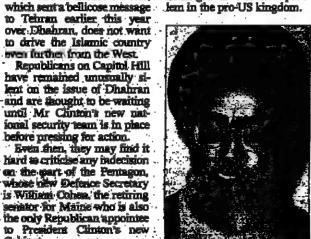
Strike back Gulf states FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

In a speech on Saturday to THE United States has made was initially uncooperative in the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, the country's main fighting force, Ayatollah

> unfinished nuclear reactor at Bushehr, oil facilities, a network of camps that Washington alleges are used to train foreign terrorists, and two disputed islands in the Gulf which Tehran has heavily

that the region can have tranquillity only when Iran has tranquillity, said Ayat-ollah Khamenei in a speech that was broadcast live on Tehran radio. Referring to the US as the Great Satan, he issued a thirtly veiled warning against Saudi Arabia and the oil-rich sheikhdoms across the Gulf from Iran. "Any aggression or attempts to make Islamic Iran insecure will make the Persian Gulf more

those living in glass houses.



Khamener forecast dire

Iranian nation, particularly

believe Saudi Arabia, which Leading article, page 19 Rival Anglican bishops in Quito church tug of war

Cahinet.

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN QUITO, ECUADOR

ing Señor Larrea, he said: "Bishop Walter Crespo is not, THE Anglican Church in Ecuador has been divided over nor ever has been, a bishop of who is its rightful bishop. Is he the Anglican Communion."
Undaunted, Señor Crespo the dergyman recognised by the Archbishop of Cantersays he refuses to recognise Dr Carey's authority, calling him bury? Or is he a mercurial priest who claims to be finanan "obstinate heretic". Standced by Colonel Muzmmar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader? ing by a portrait of the Queen, he claimed: "We are not "It is totally absurd," said

dissidents. We are the historic the Rev Neptali Larrea, the Anglican Church of Ecuador."
Señor Crespo blames the Canterbury-backed bishop. at his office next to the Anglican situation on a series of rup-Cathedral of The Lord in tures dating back to the Quito. "We have tried to be very prudent, but I don't know Church's decision in the late 1950s to transfer jurisdiction how much longer we can put over Ecuador to the Episcopaup with it." lians, its American sister Across the city at the forchurch. While the Church of tress-like Church of St Nicho-England has deep roots in the

las, the Libyan-backed pretender, the Rev Walter Crespo, called Señor Larrea "a sewer Catholic tradition, the Episcopal Church is Protestantof insinuations and false-The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey,

Tensions increased with the Anglican Church's decision to allow the cordination of women, and later homosexsought to put the matter to rest in October when, after meet-



Señor Larrea: backed

critics say Senor Crespo's case for legitimacy is as thin as Quito's mountain air.

After enrolling in several Episcopalian seminaries in America in the late 1970s; his studies were suspended for alleged misconduct. He was later ordained by a small group of "traditionalist" priests who had broken away from the official Church over the ordination of women. But the relationship ended in mutual recrimination, and Senor Crespo was stripped of holy orders for conduct "unbecom-

ing a priest". In 1991, Señor Crespo also became the subject of a criminal investigation into immi-gration fraud in New Jersey where he ran a legal aid service for Hispanic immigrants. He was never charged, but returned to Ecuador after being named Bishop of Quito by another Anglican splinter

At about the same time Señor Crespo accepted an offer by Libyan authorities to become the Bishop of Libya, which came with an expense account provided by the Gaddafi regime.

Señor Crespo says his relationship with Libya goes back to a serious car accident he had with a Libyan diplomat while working as a lawyer at the United Nations in Geneva. Senor Crespo had to have plastic surgery, paid for by Libya. He now divides his duties between Ecuador and Libya and has described Colonel Gaddafi as "a great man loved by his people."



By QUENTIN LETTS

MYSTERY surrounds the death of a leading American crime writer, whose corpse was found swinging from a Chicago skyscraper last

As first the death of Eugene-lizi, benter known under his nom de phume of Nick Gaitano, was reckoned to be

little gothic, but that was in keeping with the dark, brooding crime thrillers with which he made his name. Detectives have now disclosed, however, that the 43-year-old writer was found wearing a bullet-proof jacket, had knuckledusters in his pocket, a can of disabling pepper spray, and \$481 (£292). A handgun was

found at his ransacked office, and friends said that he seemed to be in fear of attack - perhaps from an Indiana militia group he had recently infiltrated in his quest for authentic thriller material.

No suicide note was found. But could such a natural a writer have resisted penning one if he had really been on



Shoppers flee as runaway freighter rams mall

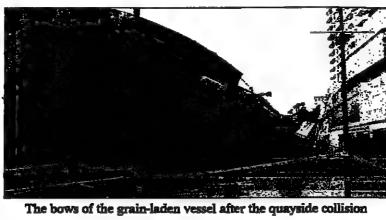
FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

POLICE divers searched the waters of the River Mississippi for bodies yesterday after a 68,000-tonne freighter crashed into a waterfront shopping centre in New Orleans.

The out-of-control ship, the Liberian-registered Bright Field, sounded its klaxons repeatedly before it smashed into the shopping centre.
Hundreds of people ran from the path
of the grain-laden vessel, which
crushed a 100-yard stretch of metaland-glass buildings. The incident occurred at lunchtime

on Saturday as Christmas shoppers crowded the Louisiana city's sur rounding French quarter - one of the most popular tourist spots in the United States. The 763ft Bright Field was manocuvring in a notoriously fast-moving stretch of the Mississippi when her power failed,

.When the crew realised what was happening, they sounded all available



borns and hooters to warn bankside pedestrians. The pilot was unable to prevent the heavy vessel ploughing into the quayside, but managed to steer the Bright Field clear of other river traffic, including a casino ship which was full of gamblers, and two cruise boats. As the freighter struck the

bank, there was a great ripping and much confusion as glass splinters flew through the air, shop walls crumbled and people screamed. The ship was holed in the bow but was swiftly

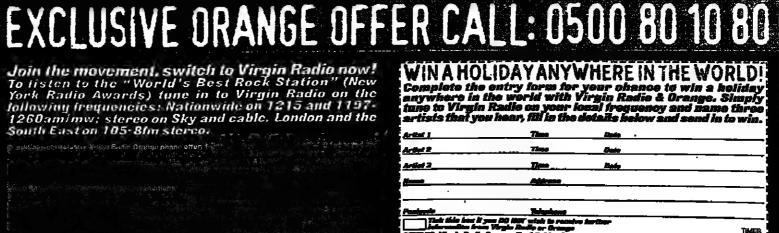
secured by tugs. New Orleans is not only a busy port but is also a popular destination for guards initially reported that six people had been killed, but later said there were no confirmed deaths.

Witnesses said some people jumped into the water as the ship approached the quay, but after extensive searches no bodies were found. A troop of Girl Scouts, said to have been crushed in the confusion, were found alive and well, if a little dusty and surprised.

A local councillor, Oliver Thomas, said that the Riverwalk Mall shopping centre was now "like a pancake where there was a wharf, there is now water". A veteran Mississippi river captain, "Doc" Hawley, had praise for the pilot who steered the Bright Field clear of all other vessels. The freighter missed the casino boat by a mere 70ft, and some gamblers leapt off her decks into the river after a loudspeaker announcement that it was time to abandon ship.

Mr Hawley said:"When you see how he avoided those cruise ships and the casino, it was beautiful work."

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New superconductor hope proves premature

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REPORTS last week that French scientists had discovered a superconductor which operates at room temperature stirred a brief flurry of excitement, but appear to have been premature. The evidence they have gathered is interesting, but falls a long way short of proof, while the release of the data before publication has caused embarrassment. The French Academy of Sciences, to whose Proceedings the paper had been submitted, is meeting today to decide whether to release the paper to the press early.

The material involved is lithium beryllium hydride (LiBeH3). better known as a potential rocket fuel. Last week's reports emerged after a member of the team gave a talk attended by a reporter from a French provincial paper. The story was picked up by Reuter and spread around the world. But later Dr Alain Mauger of Paris University, one of the scientists involved, conceded that the team had not even measured the conductivity of the hydride. "We have no proof at all that this compound is a superconductor." he said. "We are scandalised by the alerting of the

press before our paper is even accepted."

The team, which includes researchers from the National Institute of Applied Science in Lyons, the Atomic Energy Commission in Paris and the National Centre of Scientific Research in Meudon, have found magnetic anomalies suggestive of superconductivity. At roughly room temperature (25C) the powdered hydride

called magnetic irreversibility. in which its magnetic properties changed in a manner dependent on an external magnetic field. This effect is also seen in copper oxide-based superconductors at the temperatures at which they become superconductors.

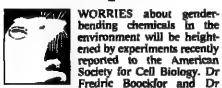
In addition, the French team measured a change in the specific heat of the compound at the critical temperature, something that is also seen in established superconductors. So far, they have not actually measured the electrical resistance or shown that it falls to zero at the critical temperature,

and there are reasons to doubt that it does. The notion that lithium beryllium hydride might be a superconductor was first suggested about ten years ago by Dr Albert Overhauser of Purdue University, in Indi-ana. but attempts to prove it by Dr Paul Chu at the University of Houston failed.

The implications of a room temperature superconductor are hard to overstate. All electrical resistance disappears, enabling the construction of highly-efficient machines and loss-free transmission lines. All proven superconductors work at such low temperatures that they require constant cooling. A room temperature superconductor would be a real revolution.

The powder studied by the French team would not be suitable for power cables, but might be used in electronic circuits, where it could be applied in thin layers. Assuming, of course, that it works.

Pollutants that may lead to impotence



Society for Cell Biology. Dr Fredric Boockfor and Dr Charles Blake of the University of South Carolina injected rats three times weekly with 20mg of octylphenol, an ingredient used in textile manufacture and commonly found

in the environment The rats showed a roughly four-fold increase in sperm abnormalities and a 50 per cent decrease in sperm count after a month of treatment. After two months, the animals' reproductive organs were shrivelled and unable to produce any sperm at all. The amounts of the chemical injected are roughly comparable with the levels found in the fatty

tissue of fish in some polluted US rivers. Whether such chemicals have anything to do with changes in human health, such as diminishing sperm counts and the increase in testicular cancer, remains a matter of controversy. But Dr Boockfor says: "Things like this could be contributing to the decline in human reproductive potential."

Pressure theory skates on thin ice



EVERYBODY knows that skates slide on ice because the pressure of the blades melts the surface layer. Except that they don't. "It doesn't work out." says Dr Michel van Hove, of Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California. "You put data in the formula, and there's not

enough pressure." So why is ice slippery? According to Dr van Hove and his colleague Dr Gabor Somorjai, it is because the surface layer is always molten. Though bound firmly to the solid layers of ice beneath, the molecules in the top layer vibrate three or four times faster than those in the ice proper. The team, whose results are soon to appear in the journal Surface Science, bombarded the surface of ice with electrons, expecting to see a diffraction signature for the first three layers of ice molecules. They were puzzled when they saw only two, but decided this was because the molecules in the top layer were

vibrating so hard the signal was blurred. . The finding, says Dr Steve George of the University of Colorado, "illustrates how we don't understand the simplest things."



The computer model will reflect several aspects of ageing; practice, for instance, preserves cognitive ability - exercising the brain keeps it young

Old grey matter test

As people grow old, some appear able to remain reasonably lucid while others show clear signs of losing their faculties. Anjana Ahuja reports on a project to discover why

Tou will find it harder to remember your new year resolutions next year. You will not have felt it, but some of your brain cells have died and their demise has led to subtle rearrangements in the complex web of links that allow you to think, feel and recall.

In simple terms, your brain has aged. The effects may be imperceptible from one year to the next, but by the time we slide into old age, our mental faculties have dwindled noticeably. However, one aspect of growing older has always mystified experts — just as a few lucky individuals retain the beauty of their youth, why do some people remain more

Psychologists at the universities of Birmingham and Manchester have embarked on an ambitious project to find out. They plan to simulate the effects of ageing on the human brain. The "brain" under study is a computer model built from hundreds of processing units. Each unit represents a neuron, or brain cell.

The units are interconnected in a neural network. This is a sophisticated breed of computer algorithm which allows a model to learn from past experience, just as a human being does. Thus, the artificial brain mimics, in a simplified way, the human brain. Ageing is simple — just prune the number of connections to simulate cell death.

eural networks also allow different tasks to be carried out by different parts of the network. Again. there are parallels with the human brain - different mental abilities age at different rates and in different ways. Many studies show that specific mental skills are associated with specific brain regions. But this is no whimsical gence. To make it realistic, the arranged in patterns. By lookmodel must be able to mirror the trends shown by real people, which can be gleaned from past studies. The model will also be pitted against a group of elderly volunteers.

The computer model will have to reflect several wellknown aspects of ageing. The first is that cognitive ability declines ever more steeply as we get older. The second is that as we age the variation in mental ability between people remember whether they had

becomes wider. The third is that practice seems to preserve cognitive ability, so that exercising the brain somehow keeps it young. The fourth is that, according to large-scale experi-mental studies, the speed at which our brains degenerate seems to be related

The three-year, £120,000 project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, is headed by Glyn Humphreys, from Birmingham University, and Par Rabbitt, who runs the Age and Cognitive Performance Research Centre at Manchester University. Professor Rabbitt and his research team have compiled data on 6,500 volunteers between the ages of 50

Although the project started just four months ago, fascinating results have already started to emerge. One hundred volunteers, ranging in age from 50 to 75, were given

ing through many examples, the volunteers learnt to recognise the patterns, or "artificial grammar", hidden in the letters. They were then shown letter sequences that either complied with or broke these

grammatical rules. When asked to repeat the participants could recall the rules, and therefore still complete the task, but could not

seen specific examples before. "The 'Our volunteers seemed to have an implicit understanding of brains these artificial rules and were able seem to be to judge grammar, but couldn't recall hardwhere it came from," Professor wired for Humphreys says. This finding has

language' straightforward comparisons — we seem to be hardwired for language, in that our capacity to communicate does not diminish greatly with age. Language is an example of what experts call a crystallised ability -- once we have learnt

it, it hardens or crystallises in our brain. These are distinct from socalled fluid abilities. These relate to thinking on your feet." Professor Humphreys says. As we get older, fluid abilities become more problematic; we are hoping that the model will capture that. It might even shed light on why language is crystallised rather than fluid."

However, the distinction be-

tween these two types of

mental ability has aroused great debate. Even though language is classed as a crystallised ability, some aspects do suffer as we mature. For example, an older person may take longer to retrieve a word from memory; even though the vocabulary is still there, information processing capacity has dwindled.

ome psychologists have suggested that one of these qualities either information processing speed or memory capacity - is the master skill which decays with age, and this primary deterioration leads to decline in all cognitive abilities. This notion of a master skill fits with the finding that people with higher IQs age better, mentally speaking, than their low IQ

counterparts. Psychologists also hope to find evidence for one encouraging feature of ageing - that practising cognitive skills keeps them in shape. They will test this theory in the artificial brain by "weighting" neurons according to how much they are used. Neurons with low weights will be selectively killed off. Well used neurons. such as those dealing with language, will have higher weights, and therefore resist

If the pattern of perfor-mance by the artificial brain matches that shown by the volunteers, Professor Humphreys notes, it will be empirical evidence that a few brainteasers a day can help to keep mental decline at bay.

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Having a hell of a good time

In a computerised world, the writer Kurt Vonnegut still enjoys using paper, pencils and a typewriter

Vonnegut in the November issue of Inc. Technology, he was asked to discuss his feelings about living in an increasingly computerised world.

work at home, and if I wanted to. I could have a L computer right by my bed, and I'd never have to leave it. But I use a typewriter, and afterwards I mark up the pages with a pencil.

Then I call up this woman

named Carol out in Wood-stock and say: "Are you still doing typing?" Sure she is, and her husband is trying to track bluebirds out there and not having much luck, and so we chitchat back and forth. and I say, "Okay, I'll send you the pages."

Then I go down the steps and my wife calls. "Where are you going?""Well". I say. "I'm going to buy an envelope".

And she says, "You're not a poor man. Why don't you buy a thousand envelopes? They'll deliver them, and you can put them in the close!" And I say, "Hush". So I go to this newsstand across the street where they sell magazines and lot-tery tickets and stationery. I have to get in line because there are people buying candy and all that sort of thing, and I

The woman behind the counter has a jewel between her eyes, and when it's my turn. I ask her if there have been any big winners lately. I get my envelope and seal it up and go to the postal convenience center down the block at the corner of 47th Street and 2nd Avenue, where I'm secretly in love with the woman behind the counter. I keep

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about her. One time I had my

pocket picked in there and got to meet a cop and tell him about it. Anyway, I address the envelope to Carol in Woodstock. I stamp the envelope and mail it in a mailbox in front of the post office, and I go home.

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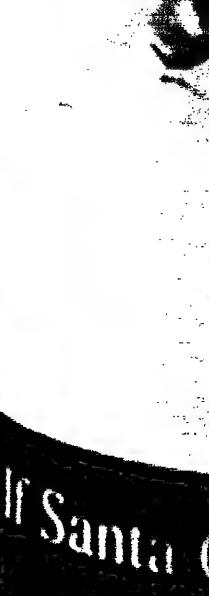


Shopping trip: Vonnegut



What my older, wiser brother said about "IMPOTENCE"

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England signal a lack of flair

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BULAWAYO (Zimbabwe won toss): Zimbabwe beat England by two

ANOTHER hand played, another trick lost. England were beaten for the third time in 15 days on their lour of Zimbabwe when they met their host's national side in the first one-day international here at Queens Sports Club yesterday and lost a tense, absorbing contest by two wickets with 25 balls to spare. The result was narrow, but it

flattered them greatly. Shortly after the finish, however Michael Atherton, the England captain, dismissed the outcome of the game - which gave Zimbabwe their third win in four meetings with England, a remarkable record for a country that has only won eight out of 63 such matches in its history — as having any relevance to the Test series between the teams starting on Wednesday. If only he

were right.

He preferred to describe Zimbabwe's startling one-day record against England as a "inx".

If only he were right about that, too. Zimbabwe sided to the defeats by a President's XI and Mashonaland early this month not because they are more talented, but because they are more determined. as they showed at every turn yesterday. They also have the

Saqlain's magic spell

tireless work and thoughtful prepa ration of David Houghton and Alistair Campbell, respectively Zimbabwe's player-coach and

Houghton said on the eve of this match that if Zimbabwe could bowl a tight line England would not have the flair to score the necessary runs. His bowlers did not let him down and he was proved right. England, put in, began brightly and were 40 for one after nine overs but their innings soon withered and they were all out for 152 with 26 balls unused. They forced a good rearguard action, having Zimbabwe 106 for seven at one point, but such a paltry total is as good as indefensible in one-day cricket.

Atherton appeared to be at the heart of England's flair by pass. After Knight and Stewart were removed by the combative Streak, he found himself unable to get the ball away from a pitch that only helped the bowlers early in the day. He did not score his first run for 24 balls and, in all, spent 77 balls making 23.

Admittedly he had no sooner come in than he lost Thorpe, uriously promoted ahead of Hussain to No 4 and bowled by an inswinger from Brandes, essaying a loose drive. He and Hussain, who would stay for the remainder of the unings for an unbeaten 49, thus had to begin a rebuilding process, siming — they thought — for a total of around 200. Faced with bowlers who were disciplined and using the lower ball imaginatively, England chase their shots badly, however, that target had to be regularly revised downwards until, in the and, they were grateful to reach 150. That Zimbabwe made such hard work of overhauling England's total had less to do with the pitch than some fiesty bowling at the start of the innings from Silverwood, who made an impres-

sive international debut, and in the middle of it from Gough and Mullally. More important still was

their own fear of chasing runs in

limited-overs cricket. Though Atherton had a poor game as a batsman - he should not have even lasted as long as he did as an electrical failure deprived the umpires access to television replays, which would have shown him run out on 15 - he enjoyed a good day as captain and deployed his forces well in difficult

circumstances. His decision to withdraw Croft, who had been punished by Waller, the pinch-hitter who actually batted sensibly through 29 overs for 48, and recall Gough when Houghton - a good player of spin came in worked perfectly,

Gough, typifying the brittleness of the England batting when under pressure, is run out by Flower while yards short of making his ground. Photograph: Howard Burditt Houghton chipping to Crawley in

the covers.

From then on Zimbabwe started to give away wickets as profligately as England. They appeared to lose heart, as well they might, Campbell having damaged a finger on his right hand and gashed a cheek when colliding with Guy Whittall during pre-match practice. They spent most of the day trying to beat England with ten men, Campbell not intending to bat unless runcessary.

It became necessary when Zimbabwe were 97 for five and he duly came in and played the innings that decided the match. An unbeaten 32 that won him the manof the match award. He was given valuable help by Streak, who put on 31 with him for the eighth wicket and saw off Gough. With Silverwood and Mullally already bowled out, the most dangerous of England's bowlers were then

When England reflect on this disheartening defeat they must also ask themselves whether they chose the right team. Caddick and Tufnell were omitted rather than Irani, who was put through a fitness test shortly before the game. He actually bowled reasonably enough, but did not really threaten to take wickets and taking wickets was, in the event, England's only escape route. Such strategical thoughts might occupy Jan Botham, their unofficial motivational guru, who arrived here on Saturday and helped the bowlers

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BOMLING: Brandes 8-2-28-1 (4 fours, 3-1-15-0, 5-1-13-1); Rennie 8-1-27-3 (w 2, 3 fours, 6-1-16-0 2-0-11-3); Streak 9-1-30-3 (nb 5, w 1; 2 tours, 6-1-15-2, 3-0-15-1); Whitzial 5-0-17-0 (nb 1: 1 four, one spell); Strang 9-4-1-27-1 (1 tour, 7-0-24-0, 2-4-1-3-1); G W Flower 8-0-17-1 (one spell).

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BOXING: DISQUALIFICATION OF GOLOTA SPARES BLUSHES OF FORMER CHAMPION IN STEEP DECLINE

Hollow win sounds out warning to Bowe

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

as a world force is effectively over. He emerged the winner of his second bout with Andrew Golota, of Poland, again on a disqualification, here on Saturday, but it was clear that he has little left to take him through another contest, Three brutal fights with Evander Holyfield and uncontrolled eating have taken their

THE career of Riddick Bowe

He was trailing on all three judges' cards at the time of the stoppage in the ninth round — 75-71, 75-73, 74-72 — despite picking up extra points when Golota was penalised for butting and low blows. If Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, knows what is best for his man, he will tell him to retire. Bowe's mother. Dorothy, wants him to quit, but, since Newman was quoting the case of Evander Holyfield, he will almost certainly encourage him to fight on.

Bowe mounted only one serious attack in the contest, in the fourth, when he put Golota down, but it was clear from the second round that Bowe simply cannot take a punch anymore. The slightest ab would send him staggering backwards like a man on the deck of a ship that is pitching and rolling.

Golota had several chances
— in the second, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth — to knock Bowe out, but he simply could not put him away. He has not learnt how to finish off a man in trouble. Golota just kept hitting him with arm punches and looking at him wondering what to do next. A finisher like Lennox Lewis would have wrapped up the bout after Bowe was knocked down in the second round. What was remarkable about that was that Golota caught Bowe with a little clip on the chin, but Bowe went down as if he had been hit by a wrecking ball.

Bowe's hollow victory just about keeps alive his chances of meeting Lewis in a \$25 million (about £16 million) contest. Nobody else will give Bowe \$12 million on this

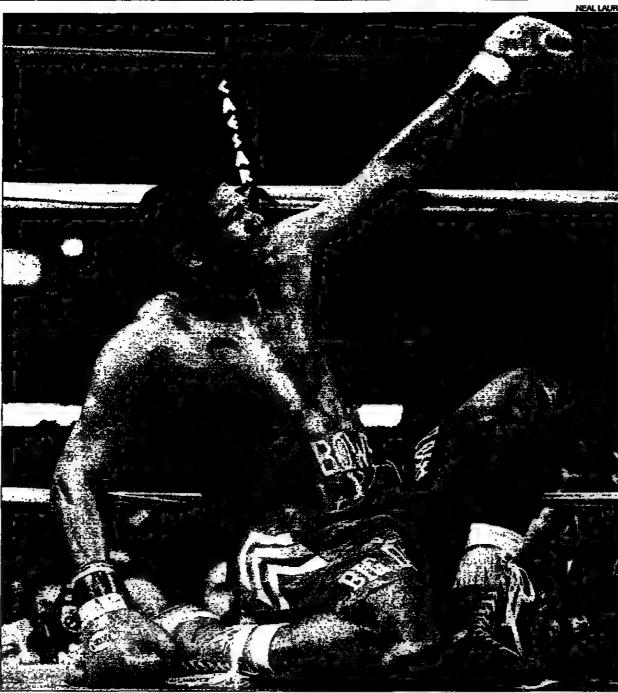
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If Bowe ducks Lewis, the latter will have lost about \$40 million in missed matches during his career. After matches with Tommy Morrison (\$7.5 million), Bowe (\$12 million) and Holyfield (\$8 million) had fallen through -Morrison was beaten by Michael Bentt, Lewis lost to Oliver McCall and Holyfield was beaten by Bowe — Lewis was hoping for \$12 million from a bout with Bowe. The demise of Bowe was

foreseen by Eddie Futch, the famous trainer, who left Bowe after the first contest with Golota, in July, which followed a remarkably similar pattern to this one. Futch said: He was ruined when he was taken on a world tour when he first won the title. He lost touch with the gym. If he had stayed back and followed what I was teaching him, there's no telling how great he might have been.

It would be nice to report. after Golota's second moral victory, that a new power is among us, but this performance showed that Golota has a lot to learn. Though big and strong, he is raw when it comes to standing toe-to-toe. When frustrated he resorts to butting or hitting low.

He suffered a double setback in the second when he penalised a point and his left eye was badly gashed. In the fourth he lost another point by sending Bowe to the floor with a low blow. A round later Bowe suffered a genuine knockdown, when Golota connected with a right hand.

By the ninth Golota's corner knew that he was



Bowe sinks to the canvas in anguish and disbelief after suffering a low blow from Golota in the fourth round

well in front and told him simply to box and move and on no account to go for the

There were loud cries of "Oh, no!" when, under pressure from Bowe, Golota forgot his instructions and struck low again. Bowe went over and there was no chance of his getting up until Eddie Cotton. the referee, had declared him the winner on a foul.

Later, in his dressing-room. Golota hit his head repeatedly saying: "I'm stupid, I'm stu-pid." Lou Duva, his trainer, said: "I just don't know what to do, short of putting him in with a midget next time."

Andries left with nowhere to go

A DOOR on one boxing career was flung open in Sheffield on Saturday while another must surely have been slammed for good. Ryan Rhodes, just 24 days beyond his twentieth birthday, became the youngest British champion for 57 years by lifting the vacant light-mid-dleweight crown. He was immediately tipped for a future world title by Frank

Warren, the promoter. Less than an hour earlier Warren had advised the veteran Dennis Andries to an-

nounce his retirement, after the "Hackney Rock" went down in the seventh round of a one-sided vacant British cruiserweight title challenge to Johnny Nelson, 29.

Andries declined the invitation and refused to quit there and then. "I want to think about it," Andries, a former World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, said.

The hard thinking, though, should now be done by the British Board of Control. It was painfully clear that, aged somewhere around 46, one of

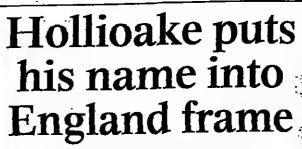
Britain's most big-hearted and dedicated professionals really has nowhere left to go.

Rhodes, having only his eleventh bout, finished off Paul Jones with a sturning, double right hand in the eighth round. This time last

year Jones was World Boxing

world title."

Organisation champion. "I was concerned about taking this fight because only a year ago Jones was a world champion," Warren said. "Provided be [Rhodes] lives a fighter's life, he's going to win



By a Special Correspondent

Surrey ail-rounder, not only established himself as a Test player in the making on the England A tour of Australia but also became a long-term candidate for the England

captaincy.

After defeat by a weak New South Wales XI in the opening match, England A rallied so strongly under Hollicake's vibrant leadership that they were unbeaten in the other nine matches on

Hollioake scored more than 400 runs and took 17 wickets, despite being troubled by a left-ankle problem that prevented him from operating at full pace. After carrying the injury for three years. Hollioake is to have an operation this winter to

put it right.

His performance as captain and player impressed Mike Gatting, the coach, who led England to their last Ashes success, in Australia

ten years ago.
"I think he can become England captain," Gatting said. "He leads from the front and people respect him for that. His tactical side is good, and he will learn by captaining more often. He got everyone to work for him, and that is the most

important thing."
Hollioake led Surrey on five occasions last season when Alec Stewart was absent. "I've said all along that I don't strive for the captaincy," he said. "It's not an ambition of mine. I love doing it, but I also enjoy just playing the game. Alec's a great captain and I've picked up a lot from Mike Gatting and David Graveney [the tour manager], but it's still a learning curve.

"I think I improved tactically as the tour went on. Attacking is probably my strength as a captain, but I've learnt when it's right to sit back and defend.

"David [Graveney] talked to me about setting a field to a left-arm spinner, which I've never really had to do at Surrey but 'Gatt' never came up and told me to do this and

"He's let me come to him

ADAM HOLLIOAKE, the haven't chatted for hours and hours - which I think sometimes can be wasteful - when we have sat down, we've got through a lot."

Mark Butcher, Holli-oake's Surrey colleague, Dean Headley, the Kent fast bowler, and Craig White, of Yorkshire, who re-established himself as an allrounder of international quality, were other suc-

Butcher scored more than 600 runs on the trip and, although he failed to convert any of his seven half-centuries into three figures, he enhanced his reputation.

Headley, who was outstanding on the A tour to Pakistan last year, again proved himself to be a bowler of Test quality, but he will have to overcome the hip complaint that brought his tour to a premature end before he can be considered as a possible against Austrralia next summer.

White, the player with most to prove, having been discarded by England two years ago, responded with more than 350 runs and 16 wickets, including a career-best six for 66 against Queensland, and could yet fill the problem position in the England side.

"I'd like to think one or two of the A team players might be pushing for a place and, hopefullly, what they have learnt on the tour will give them a better idea of what is required when they come up against Australia," Gatting said.



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Australia bow to Saqlain

IT WAS expected to be a due! between Shane Warne and Mushtag Ahmed, the world's best leg spinners, but, in the event, it was Saqlain Mushtaq 20, an off spinner, who took the honours and guided Pakistan to victory in the one-day international with Australia in Adelaide yesterday. Saqlain tore through Australia's lower order in a remarkable second spell to finish with career-best figures of five for 29 from 9.5 overs to launch Pakistan to a

thrilling 12-run win. "He's the best off spinner I've seen in recent years," Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, said of his young matchwinner afterwards. "The secret is the ball he bowls away from the right hander — he pitches it and it goes away instead of coming in."

Chasing the Pakistan score of 223, Australia's hopes were dashed when Saqlain took four wickets for 13 runs from 11 balls - Steve Waugh, for 57. Tom Moody, for eight, Shane Warne, for II, and lan Healy, for four - to have Australia all out for 211 in 47.5 overs. Saglain has claimed 74 wickets from 16 international limited-over games at an aver-

age of 18.54.
Habitual winners rarely
make graceful losers, and
Australian cricketers very rarely do, a fact illustrated by the reaction of Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, to what was his team's first defeat of the summer. "I think it was our worst performance in the past month," Taylor, who made 28 before becoming Saqlain's first victim, said. "A loss can sometimes do some good. It shows that, if we don't play at our best, we can get beaten. There's no room for complacency or big-head-edness in this game."

Aamir Sohail, who made 67. had given Pakistan an encouraging start to their innings, but the rest of the batsmen struggled, with Warne enjoying most success for Australia, finishing with four for 52. Pakistan play the West Indies in the triangular series tomorrow.

Under-19s plump for safe route

THE England Under-19 touring team opted for some batting practice after bowling out their opponents cheaply on the second day of the threeday match against Lahore CCA Under-19s yesterday.

After declaring on their overnight score of 389 for five, England limited Lahore to 133 in 38 overs, with Jonathon Powell, of Essex, taking four for 22 and Zac Morris, of Yorkshire, three for 36. With 43 overs remaining in

the day and on a wicket tha seemed to favour the batsmer England decided not to er force the follow-on. Howeve only ian Flanagan, from Esex, with 49, and Garet Batty, of Yorkshire, who mad 57, took advantage of the second knock as Englar declared on a disappointir 181 for nine at the clos leaving Lahore an unlikely victory target of 440. Hansie Cronje, the South

Africa captain, suffered disag pointment in his hundred one-day international as hi side slumped to a 74-ru defeat against India in Bon

bay on Saturday.

A swashbuckling 114 by Sachin Tendulkar, the Indicaptain, fresh from leading hi team to a 2-1 Test serie victory, and a quickfire 5 from Ajay Jadeja helped India to pile up 267 for six after the had won the toss in the one-of fixture. South Africa were the bowled out for 193 after th early removal of their four top order batsmen for just 12

Tendulkar completed hi century, which contained I fours, a few overs after Cronj pulled his team off the groun after the crowd began pelting the South Africa fielders with water bottles.
The crowd anger was

sparked by the controversial dismissal of Mohammed Azharuddin, the former India captain - he was given out caught down the leg-side by Kirsten. Azharuddin, however, appealed to the spectators for calm and game resumed after a ten-minute

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JOHN HOPKINS

On the men's downhill

at Val d'Isère

IN SKIING, the French are

going downhill fast and so are the Swiss but it is the Austrians who are going downhill fastest. In conditions of star-

tling clarity in Val d'Isère

yesterday morning, the men who bear the name The Eagle

Knights on the back of their red apres-ski jackets swept the

board in the first downhill

ace of the season in Europe. Not just first and second, but first, second, third and fourth. No sporting event of signifi-

cance takes place in France without an oom-pah-pah

band, clanging cowbells, crying children and barking dogs. Yet even the support of all these, plus banners bearing

a likeness of his face were not sufficient to inspire Luc Alphand, the Frenchman who

was world champion in 1995

and 1996, to stem the Austrian tide. The 31-year-old from

Serre Chevaller finished sixth,

half a second behind the

winner, in a sport where half a second is half a lifetime. 🕆

On the OK piste, a savage,

steep course on the notorious Believarde mountain, where

the: 1992 Olympic downhill

was staged, Fritz Strobl, 24,

won the men's downhill of the

41ème Critérium Internation-

al de la lère Neige by 0.02sec.

from Werner Franz. He came,

as they say, from nowhere,

having started 43rd in a 72-

strong field. Patrick Ortfieb,

third, ahead of Josef Strob! (no

To cognoscenti, there was

little surprise in the success of

the Austrians, who have such

THE cheers had barely faded

sporting bureaucracy that ap-parently knows no bounds

prought the European short-

curse championships to an

acrimonious and last night.

British celebrations of Mark

Foster's victory in the 50

metres freestyle (22.25sec) and

Rolph's equalling of a 15-year-

old European record were cut short after the European

Swimming League decided

not to award Rolph the

DM5,000 prize (about £2,000)

available for record-breakers,

nor register her name as

The farce began after Rolph.

18, ploughed ahead of Germany's Sabine Herbst to stop the

clock at 2min 10.60sec, her

best time by two seconds, and

which equalled the European

best time" set in January 1982

by Petra Schmeider of East

Germany and also equalled

the "standard time" set by the

League in 1990, when short

course times became officially

recognised as records.

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ButHarm Beyer, the League secretary, and Nory Kruchten, the treasurer, decided not to recognise Rolph's perfor-

after Susan Rolph's victory in the 200 metres medley than a fore the prize can be given or the record recognised.

blushes, the League awarded Rolph, who won the 100m medley on Saturday, a leather jacket for the best women's performance of the champion-ships even though that accolade should clearly have gone to Sandra Völker, who missed the world 100 metres freestyle

Deryk Snelling, at his first international as Britain's director of performance, said the



FROM CRAIG LORD, IN ROSTOCK, GERMANY mance, instead sticking by the letter of a rule that says best times must be "bettered" be-

In an effort to hide their

record by 0.03 secs.



Rolph: medley double

Strobl lights the way for Austrians

Fritz Strobl races to an unexpected victory in the opening event of the European downhill season yesterday. Photograph: Philippe Wojazer

result was sixteenth in asuper-giant slakom last season, rather than Josef, the 22year-old who won this race two years ago.

It was a day made in heaven: snow crackling under foot and cold clear air that made one's breath billow out like a spinnaker. Locals squinted up at the jagged mountains bathed in strong sunshine and said that, even for them, the weather was something special. On a day such as this, it was easy to understand why the resort where Jean-Claude Killy carved his first turns is one of

strength in depth and tradi-, the most popular in Europe, tionally start the season well. To make it better, as much What was unexpected, per snow has already fallen in Val Strobi was Fritz, whose best season - too much on occa-

SWIMMING

Double reverse for Rolph

sions. A women's World Cup giant slalom race was called off on Friday and then, on Saturday, the men's downhill was abandoned after 17 racers had completed the course when a brouillard, hardly discernible to the naked eye, settled easily over the middle of the course.

Shrouded in that mist was the rivalry between Ortlieb and Alphand, which is certain to be a feature of the rest of this season's racing. All sport these days, seemingly, needs the added edge of personal rivalry as if the cut and thrust of the sport itself is not enough. Alphand and Ortlieb are to use a seasonal metaphor, not

national federation would pro-

test. "If there is a grey area,"

he said, "then we should take

advantage of it. But if it's black

and white, then we have to

A down-to-earth Tynesider,

Rolph, who also won silver medals behind Völker in the

50 metres and 100 metres

freestyle and set four British

records over three days, said

she cared only that "my name

Nothing, however, could de-

tract from Britain's success at

these inaugural champion-

ships. The national team fin-ishing second to Germany

(with 14 titles) on the medal

table with four gold, four

silver, and two bronze medals.

Two of the silver medals went

to Ian Wilson (1500 metres

(200 metres freestyle) on

Foster's freestyle win, which

followed another in the 50m

butterfly on Saturday, con-

firmed him as the most suc-

cessful short course sprinter in

the world. He added a bronze

medal to his fally as a member

of the 4x50 metres medley relay with Clayton, Neil

Willey and Richard Maden.

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is next to the record".

accept the decision."

say the least," Alphand said. "I said hello the first time we met in December and that's it. I don't like the way he behaves. Showing off for him is a way to gear himself up. When he won the world championship last winter, he was happy and he showed it, but I thought he

overdid it a bit. So when I start a race, the desire to beat him is a motivation for me."

On this evidence, Ortlieb and his men are going to be the siders to beat this season. "It was not my goal to beat the on each others' Christmas others in my team," Franz, "We are not great friends, to "But I have been inspired by

ALAIN ROBIDOUX trailed

Ronnie O'Sullivan 5-3 after

the first session of the best-of-

17-frame German Open final

yesterday, despite installing

himself as an overwhelming

favourite to collect a £5,000

bonus with a 145 total clear-

That run superseded the 142

with which O'Sullivan com-

pleted his 6-1 semi-final vic-tory over Nigel Bond as the highest break of the tourna-

ment's televised phase. It also

eclipsed the 144 break from

Stephen Hendry, in the 1993

Asian Open, as the best wit-

nessed outside Great Britain

when ranking points have

Yet Robidoux left the arena

with mixed emotions after

failing to capitalise on the

least effective performance from O'Sullivan during a

week which has seen him re-

emerge as the most serious

threat to Hendry's continued

O'Suilivan, whose attitude

and approach have shown an

appreciable improvement this

SERISOIL WORLD SCHADDLY ODGINET.

but temporarily lost his way

getting to the end of it. I am

beginning to think that the

Southern Ocean is a bit like

Although some of it is

beautiful, and the albatrosses

beyond comparison, most of it

is incredibly bleak and deso-

late and a large part of it is

very grey. Nearly two weeks after rounding Cape Horn it

feels as if we have been in the

Southern Ocean for months.

Life aboard Concert at the

moment is divided simply into

on watches", which are cold

dominance of the game.

been at stake.

ance in the seventh frame.

Patrick. I saw the way that he was trying to do better than past Austrian champions like Leonhard Stock and Franz Klammer. Suddenly I thought to myself, 'Let's beat Patrick', that is my spur."

The Austrians had hoped to train in Chile during the summer in Europe, but a lack of snow meant that they had to fly to New Zealand instead. They spent the past autumn skiing on glaciers in Austria which happily for them pro-vided them with powdery conditions that were similar to those for yesterday's race.

A further reason for the Austrians' performance has been that their training groups have been reduced in es to devote more time to each

and should have found him-

self 3-1 adrift. Robidoux, at-

tempting to become the first

Canadian to prevail in an

important tournament since

Bob Chaperon won the Brit-

ish Open in 1990, potted the

pink to a middle pocket for

fourth frame until snookering

Twice Robidoux found it

impossible to escape and

O'Sullivan eventually cleared

the colours to pink for 2-2.

Deflated, Robidoux offered

only token resistance in the

next two frames as O'Sullivan

moved 4-2 ahead with runs of

Robidoux's response could

hardly have been more em-

phatic, but, as is so often the

case, the amount of mental

energy burnt up during a total

clearance caused lapses in his

concentration in the closing

frame of the afternoon. O'Sullivan, with breaks of 47

and 59, went on to win it

comfortably, and was left

requiring only four of the

remaining nine frames to

capture his fourth ranking

38, 45 and 67.

nimself on the yellow.

I, and was in control in the

SNOOKER

Robidoux fails to cash

in on total clearance

FROM PHIL YATES IN OSNABRÜCK

skier. "There are only four or five of us practising for the downhills now," Franz said. "That means that training is more intensive. Each training run is like a race for us. Then there are the Super-G groups and the slalom groups."

"We are a strong and big team," Ortlieb said, by way of explanation. "It is a challenge just to be in it. We work hard together, we have the best coaches and we enjoy each others' company. I hope this dominance continues, but I know that other countries

have a lot of good skiers too." Whether the Austrians are likely to continue their success may be gauged from the results of the super-giant sia-

Dominant Clarke takes yellow jersey

BARRIE CLARKE, the defending champion, dominated the third round of the National Trophy cyclo-cross competition yesterday (Peter Bryan writes). After finishing ninth and second in the previous two rounds, he won the 62-mile race at Leicester by 43sec and assumed the yellow jersey with one round to go, having started the day in fifth. Clarke relieved Stuart Blunt of the overall lead when the latter finished sixth, more than two minutes in arrears. Blunt

is now second in the series, which ends next month, a fortnight after the British title race in Birmingham. ☐ Manchester won the Euroleague competition at their home velodrome on Saturday by three points from London.

Knowles bounces back

BADMINTON: Peter Knowles, who lost his Scottish Open title last month, gained compensation by winning the third Friends Provident Insurance Company British grand slam tournament of the season, at Kirkham yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). Knowles, the England No 2, overcame Colin Haughton, his international colleague, with an unexpectedly easy straight-games victory in the final, Haughton garnering only seven points in front of a disappointed home Lancashire crowd. Kelly Morgan, of Wales, beat Emma Chaffin, of England, 11-1, 11-4 in the women's final.

Holders go out

FOOTBALL: Wembley, the women's League Cup-holders, were knocked out of the competition in the third round by Everton yesterday (Sarah Forde writes). Maureen Marley, the England defender, scored twice for Everton in their 3-2 win, Jackie Bertle adding the third. Kim Jerray-Silver and Tracey Koch replied for Wembley. Doncaster Belles, the runners-up last season, beat Wimbledon 8-1 with three goals from Vicky Exley, two for Sarah Begg and one each from Sarah Wooliscroft and Jackie Sherrard.

Britons in perfect form

ICE SKATING: Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean scored ten perfect tens as they won the world professional figure skating championship dance title for a fifth time on Saturday. Torvill and Dean, the former Olympic champions, dominated the competition in Landover, Maryland. earning four faultless marks for a laid-back jazz routine to Dave Brubeck's Take 5. They then earned six more tens for their playful Hat-trick number. Kristi Yamaguchi, of the United States, retained the women's title.

No pleasure for Britons

SHOWJUMPING: British riders failed to make an impression as Lars Nieberg logged his second win of the Volvo World Cup qualifier series in Geneva yesterday. Nieberg, from Germany, 33, rode For Pleasure to first place after a 13-horse jump-off that featured none of the British competitors. Nieberg clocked 43.64sec with the fastest of four

Brierley down and out

RACKETS: Al Brierley, the favourite from Winchester, lost to Charlie van der Gucht, of Radley, in the first significant upset of the opening round of the Renny Cup, the public schools championship senior singles, at the Queen's Club. Other seeds fared better, Christopher Bond, of Eton, kept his Gourlay, of Charterhouse.

Brown ends the long wait

ATHLETICS

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN CHARLEROI, BELGIUM

first British man for 21 years to collect a senior international cross country title when he won the European championship by a record margin of 35 seconds here yesterday. All this on only four hard training sessions since the Olympic Games and in a championship which he objected to when it was inaugurated in

Although the Great Britain men's team failed to secure the medals expected of them, the surprise third place achieved by the women's squad ensured the best day for British cross country since the four home nations were forced to comoete as one from 1988. It shades the 1992 world championships, when Paula Radcliffe won the junior title and the senior men claimed the team

bronze medals. On a muddy course, Brown, 25, looked at home, although keeping up with where home actually is for him requires regular checking.

Born in Bridgend, raised in Sheffield, university-educated at Iowa, he moved to Duisburg 18 months ago, but has lived in a suburb of Vancouver

since September. After finishing a disappointing tenth in the Olympic 10,000 metres, having developed a cold the day before the final. Brown began only last month to step up his training.

"Since Atlanta I have done only four hard workouts," Brown said. "I did not prepare for this race specifically. My training began in October, but have not trained hard yet. My training is geared for the world cross country. This is important, but, for me, the

world cross country is more important. Brown, though he defeated

Paul Tergat, the world champion, from Kenya, in Spain last week, dismissed any notion that he may be Tergat's successor in Turin next March.

"If Tergat is in his best shape, I will not beat him." Brown said. Brown's victory here prevented Paulo Guerra, from Portugal, from collecting When this event

started I thought this is the last thing I want," Brown said. It has grown on him, though, as it has become evident that Europe's best distance runners take it seriously.

"I thought we were going to get B team guys running," Brown said. "I thought why would they want to do this when there are so many good weekend in Europe."
Brown demonstrated an im-

pressively smooth rhythm on true cross country course that combined mud and hills. He covered the ten kilometres in 32min 37sec. "It was a real hard man's course," David Clarke, the men's team manager, said.

After having flu last week, Keith Cullen was unable to finish, and with his exit went British team medal prospects. Portugal won, with Britain fifth. France won the women's race, with Iulia Negura, from Romania, taking the individ-ual title. Britain, led by Hayley Haining, in ninth place. finished third.

"i am shocked, i really did not think we would get medals," Andrea Whitcombe, who finished fifteenth, said.

BASKETBALL

Boone plunges Giants into free fall

By Nicholas Harling

SOMETHING stirred among the strugglers on Saturday when two of the Budweiser League's lowly clubs distinguished themselves by upsetting Manchester Giants and Leickster Riders, who still entenain title aspirations, albeitgeow fainter ones.

85-82 defeat of the by Thames Valley Tiwas marginally more sing than the 91-83 loss and on Leicester by Wor-Bears, since the Riders missing not only Bob yald, their coach, but two: of their key pla-

Holley and James ns had produced the Tigers, in linking Franky Edwards and put the Giants in front at Market Perry to 12 points 80-75. It was very frustrating

between them, when up stepped Waymon Boone to win the match for Tharnes Valley from the free-throw line. Three times in the last 65 seconds he was fouled and three times he sank the two

It was almost as if I needed the extra pressure," Boone said. "It was total concentration, boy. The 22 points of Williams

and Holley's 26 had earlier given the Tigers the initiative. Improving on a pre-interval surge of 14-3, they led 60-46 only for Mark Robinson (23 points) to set a rousing example for Michael Brown. Dispatching five three-pointers, Brown collected 21 points to put the Giants in front at

to lose after a corneback like that," Joe Whelton, their coach, said.

The Tigers should be even stronger for the inclusion of Jeff Clifton, a 6ft 7in forward. a product of Arkansas State University. The red-tape involved in his work permit makes the sudden release of Kevin Vulin last month all the more mystifying. "It was nothing to do with me," Mick Bett, the coach, said.

Worthing, too, have a vacancy, but their hopes of filling it with Spencer Dunkley have been dashed by his move to Besancon, in France. They need not worry while Anthony Thomas, the scorer of 32 points, and James Hamilton, with 20, display the form that devastated Leicester.

Grey days illuminated by colourful outbursts

Warm thoughts of open fires and toasted teacakes are helping to keep hortly before I left Rio de Janeiro, on the second Janeiro, on the second leg of the BT Global Lucy Duncan going through the worst of the BT Global Challenge Challenge, I climbed Sugar Loaf mountain, led by Stuart

Pask, the other watch leader and wet, and "off watches" when my warm, if slightly on Concert. It was actually damp, sleeping hag beckons and provides a brief haven more of a scramble than a climb, but there was a small bit of free climbing that was from the icy winds and spray exposed and nerve-racking. The best part of that climb was

So far we have had two gales. We have also had quite a few relatively calm days and were beginning to think that the horrors of the Southern Ocean weren't all they were

cracked up to be. Then came the second gale, accompanied by blizzards and hall storms. However, we have still not experienced the 60ft waves I have read so much about and I have the slightly uncomfortable feeling that there is a lot more in store for us. The

sailing is physically very hard

work, particularly when a

watch involves a lot of sail changes. These watches end with us sinking into our bunks totally exhausted.

Unfortunately, these periods usually coincide with rougher seas, so sleep is somewhat sporadic. The only things stopping us regularly ending up on the floor is the strap holding us into our

Although tiring, the busy watches are, in a lot of ways, the best ones. Regular sail changes certainly keep the cold at bay. Even Chris Tibbs. the skipper, has admitted it's cold and has been seen wearing a hat. The rest of us have been wearing everything we can lay our hands on for

I haven't, as yet, found myself frightened, but I do find that my most common emotion is fury, directed at the latest icy wave that deposits itself in my face and makes every task ten times as difficult as it should be.

I'm not alone in venting my anger. A fellow crew member (actually one of the mildest mannered people you could imagine) has become renowned for the torrents of abuse he hurls at the genoa (the heaviest sail) as he is trying to move it about the deck. The genoa has become a universal hate object. It is hard enough to move round on dry land with three people, let alone on a heaving deck, with waves constantly coming over

the bow and trying to fill it with water.

Here in the middle of the Southern Ocean it is hard to imagine everyone at home going about their normal lives. Nevertheless, I can conjure up a very clear picture in my mind - cosy sitting rooms and toasted teacakes.



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firmly in

their place

Bolton Wanderers 1

By Ivo Tennant

FOR Bolton Wanderers, the

events of the week had not been propitious. One useful

player, Mike Newell, would

not be joining the club; another, John Sheridan,

would not be remaining with

it on loan; Andy Todd was to

Association for two matches: and Alan Thompson had to have a foot in plaster for a

It would be too simplistic to

list these reasons and the absence of Blake and Taggart,

who were involved in interna-

tional football, as excuses for Bolton's first home defeat of

the season. Bolton did not play

well and acknowledged as

much, Anyway, the estimation of George Burley, the Ipswich

Town manager, is that they will still win the Nationwide

Let none of this detract from

Ipswich's victory, which was

gained by two goals from James Scowcroft, their prom-

ising England Under-21 for-

ward, He and Naylor, who is

but 19, have the onerous task

of replacing Marshall, now

Mathie, who has not one but

two dislocated shoulders.

Wright, the goalkeeper, who made the other notable contri-bution to this victory, is also

There remains an intrinsic

decency about Ipswich that is

the legacy of the Cobbolds and

Bobby Robson and which

seems to draw outsiders to

them. They were competitive

and committed here, which is

not to say that they went around kicking people. If Scowcroft's goals were rela-tively straightforward, that

did not demean his perfor-

mance. One was made by

Uhlenbeek's run down the

right, the other by Branagan coming too far off his line.

This second goal — Scow-croft's seventh of the season —

came after Bergsson's equal-iser and with only three min-utes remaining. The previous

week Branagan had perpetrat-

ed another error late in Bolton's match against West Bromwich Alblon. As on this

Leicester City, and

League first division title.

lpswich Town

another.

FOOTBALL

Advance of Barnsley goes largely unnoticed

Tranmere Rovers 0

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

IS THERE, one wonders, life in Barnsley? At the by-election there last week, few people could be bothered to turn out to vote. On Saturday the town's football team went second in the Nationwide League first division before an insultingly small crowd of 8.513. Perhaps the townfolk should declare themselves soon, to counter a growing suspicion that the place is a cartographer's trick.

It is a pity that so few care about the footballers because they are not a bad side and are well on the way to becoming a good one. They are one point behind Bolton Wanderers, whom they held at Burnden Park two weeks ago, and have earned high marks for the quality of their football. Tranmere Rovers, who began the game in sixth place, were thoroughly outplayed.

Contrary to popular belief in these parts, it is not essential to kick your way out of this division. Bolton are proving that (again), and others are finding profit in what is called,

imprecisely, good football. Barnsley are the odd men out in the race towards the FA Carling Premiership. They do not have the millions that the likes of Wolverhampton Wanderers have spent, they are not well supported and they do not have a "name". They are a small club in that respect, and none the worse for it. If being a big club means behaving like Manchester City, they should be happy to remain small.

This win was a notable triumph for Danny Wilson, their manager, who chose to play Marcelle in a withdrawn position behind Wilkinson and Hendrie, and allowed Bullock to charge down the right flank to considerable effect, not least when he helped to make the opening

Redfearn's marvellous pass inside Stevens, the Tranmere left back, allowed Bullock the opportunity to put the ball across for Hendrie to score. Although Marcelle and Bullock were withdrawn in the second half, they had played their part.

Barnsley's football had style and occasionally grace. Even when the ball did not quite run for them, they were full of good intentions, Redfearn, who played a part in Oldham Athletic's promotion in 1991, had a productive game in midfield and is as good an example as any of that common breed, the good player who is not quite top-notch.

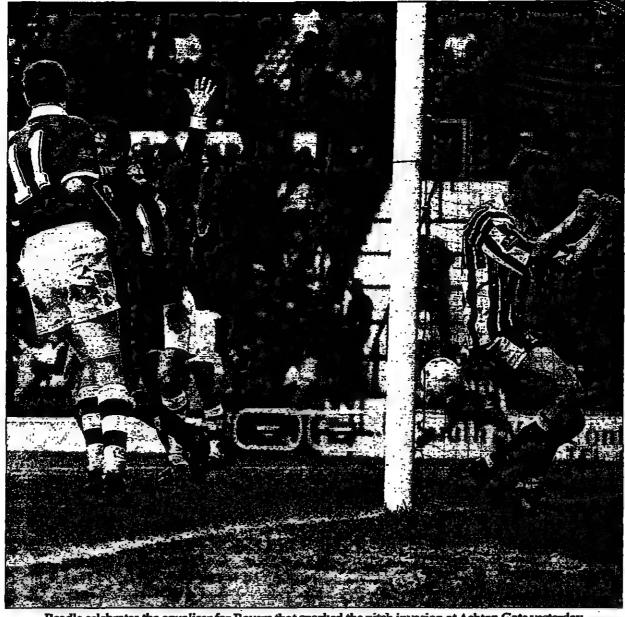
He continues to give Barns-ley plenty, though, and made the victory more convincing when he scored the third goal from the penalty spot in the final minute after Andrew Liddell, the 79th-minute substitute for Marcelle, had been brought down from behind by Ged Brannan's sliding tackle, Before then, in the 65th

minute, Wilkinson had forced the ball in after Nixon, exposed by his defenders, had denied Hendrie. Wilkinson and Hendrie are both knocking on a bit, too, but Tranmere, who had clearly come to protect their goal, did not possess anything as potent. O'Brien, another player not quite good enough for the highest echelons, glided around prettily, but they will need a little more than that to mount a promotion challenge.

The best players wore red shirts and — a fashion note, this - dainty red-and-white trimmed socks. Davis looked a commanding centre half and Bosancic, despite earning a booking for diving in the first half, caught the eye with his cleverness in midfield. He might have concluded a smart early move in which his pass was the decisive one, but, after etting on the end of the final ball, he screwed his shot beyond the far post.

So, it was a good day's work for Wilson and his players. There is little more that they can do to persuade the South Yorkshire public that they are worth watching, and it is not hard to understand why some Barnsley supporters are resentful of the greater publicity that Sheffield United, being pigger club if not the better team, have begun to attract.

BARNSLEY (4-3-1-2)* D. Wetson — N. Eaden, S. Davis, A. de Zeeuw, J. Shendan — M. Bullook (sub: A. Moses, Stinin), J. Bosancia, N. Redisean — C. Marcoski (sub: A. Liddell, 79) — P. Wikinson, J. Hendre. TRANMERIE ROVERS (4-5-1): E Nicon — T Thomas, J McGreal, S Tesle, G Stevens — J Montesey (sub: A Mahon, 60), K Irons (sub: P Newn, 81), G Brannan, L O'Bren, G Branch (sub: G Jones, 81) — J Aldindga



Beadle celebrates the equaliser for Rovers that sparked the pitch invasion at Ashton Gate yesterday

Agostino rises above the dross

erry Venables, the new coach of Australia, will cast his net far and wide as he plots the Socceroos' path to the World Cup finals in France two years hence. He could do worse than pop into Ashton Gate, en route from perhaps Fiji or Tonga, on his global travels. Paul Agostino, the Bristol City striker, is definitely worth a peek.

Agostino, 21, is one of Australia's lesser-known European exports — he arrived 18 months ago from Young Boys, of Switzerland, for a paitry £50,000 — yet esses a sure touch, deceptive acceleration and an eye for the half chance. Venables should at least take a firsthand look before formulating

But for Agostino's spark-ling first-half goal, and an injury-time equaliser from Peter Beadle that provoked a mini pitch invasion, there was little to enthuse about in the 81st Bristol derby in which City and Rovers drew I-I at Ashton Gate yesterday.

Russell Kempson commends an Australian player to the erstwhile England coach

Sadly, the crowd trouble further diminished the impact of what little attractive football

It started when Beadle converted Cureton's cross for the late leveller and the Rovers supporters behind the goal spilt onto the pitch in celebration. Two hundred City supporters attempted a confrontation and it took six mounted police, plus a swarm of stewards, to regain control. After David Orr, the refer-

ee, had restarted proceedings. and then blown the final whistle a minute later, several Rovers players had to run for hanging around to applaud their section of supporters. Punches appeared to be

thrown by their pursuers. "I feel sick, I'm so disappointed to be associated with scenes like that," Scott Davidson, the City chairman, said.
"It's a hooligan problem and I thought that aspect of foot-ball had long disappeared. We will identify those fans

responsible and they will never come to this club again. Either they go, or I go. We will have to launch an internal inquiry."
The Football Association

has also launched an inquiry. "Obviously, it's a serious matter and we will be looking at it as a matter of urgency," Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said last night.

Davidson, a former member of Bros, the teen pop group of the Eighties, is used to being among large gatherplayed Wembley Stadium, the 65,000 present were adoring rather than spoiling for a fight. This experience clearly shook him. City have improved dramatically since Davidson, now a millionaire publisher, took over in March. After only one defeat in 15 matches, they lie handily placed in the Nationwide League second division.

City went ahead in the eventeenth minute when Agostino raced on to Tinnion's pass, bypassed Pritchard and Clark, and then guided a low shot past Collett. It would have graced any World Cup tie.

Rovers flattered to deceive en after gaining a numeri cal advantage when Ed-wards, the City defender, was sent off in the 63rd minute for his second bookable offence

City held on doggedly and looked as though they would succeed, even after Beadle's header had hit the bar, until Beadle got it right the second time. Then came the crowd for City, in many ways.

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BRISTOL CRTY (4-4-2). S. Neylor — C. Blackmore, R. Edwards, S. Taylor, D. Barnard — G. Goochidge (subt. L. Carey, 83min), G. Overs, M. Hewlett, B. Tirmion — K. Nugartt, P. Agostino (subt.) J. Gooter, 680.

BRISTOL, ROVERS (4-4-2): A. Collett — D. Pritchard, W. Carix (subt.) J. Sidmar, 830, A. Tilleori, L. Martin — M. Hayfield (subt.) J. Curiton, 73), M. Browning, I. Holloway, M. Lackwood (subt. L. Archer, 83) — J. Harris, P. Begünser, D. Orr

— a foul on Harris.

occasion it cost his team points. His saves earlier in the match from Mason and Naylor will not, alas for him, be the abiding memory. So Ipswich moved into the middle of the table. It is that

kind of tight division: lose, and you can go down five places. Had they been able to field the same team in every match — Burley says that he has been able to do so only twice because of injuries — Ipswich would probably by now have been looking towards much the same future as Bolton.

Hence neither club need repine; not for the time being. "I really can't ask for much more from the players apart from avoiding self-inflicted wounds," Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said afterwards. This happens to every team at some stage of the season. Better that it happens when they can still countenance winning their division. BOLTON WANDERIERS (4-4-2): K
Brangan — 3 Green, G Bergsson, C
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Sellers — S Teylor, J McCleritay
IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): R Wright — G
Uhlenbeek, J Cundy, 3 Sedgley, M Tericon
— M Stockwell, D Sonner, G Williams, P
Meson (sub: A Tenner 87) — R Naylor, J
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inderliand Scowcroft's | Pressure on Houston to puts Bolton do Wright thing for **Peacock**

> Queens Park Rangers ., 4 Southend United

> > BY MEL WEBB

NOT content with scoring goals, winning penalties and generally making a nuisance of himself to opposing defences, John Spencer, Queens Parks Rangers' recent signing from Cheisea, turned managerial adviser after playing an influential part in his new club's biggest Nationwide League first division win of the season on Saturday.

"If I was the manager, I would be round there as soon as possible to sort out a deal," he said. "The lad's playing brilliantly and he's really enjoying his football again. The boss should sign him now before it's too late."

The "lad" to whom Spence was referring was Gavin Peac cock, the "there" Stamford Bridge and the "boss" Stewart Houston. Spencer insisted that he was not trying to do the manager's job for him. just expressing a personal

He was however, dead right in his assessment of the qualities of his erstwhile Chelsea buddie. With Simon Barker, his central midfield partner. Peacock was at the heart of an impressive Rangers performance against a Southend United team into whose life more than a little rain looks likely to pour.

Unlike Spencer, a £2 mil-lion acquisition last month. Peacock still has ties that bind him to Cheisea in the form of a one-month loan. It expires at the end of this week and, if Houston has got his head screwed on right, he will be tapping on Rund Guilit's door before Peacock can even think about packing his bags.

Houston, wily old fox that he is, was not giving much away when quizzed about his intentions for Peacock. would have to wait, he said until the month was up, and he claimed that he had not spoken to the player beyond discussing his role in the team. Oh, sure pull, it was tempting to murmur, the oth-

Peacock aside, this was a powerful display by a QPR third consecutive victory; they are now only two points off a play-off place. After Southend had held out for 40 minutes there was only one team in it.

Barker scored the first from the penalty spot after Spencer had been cut down by McNally. Four minutes later Harris, the Southend centre back, put the ball into his own net after a crunching shot by McDonald.

Five minutes after the break Sinclair's cross was tapped in by Spencer, who had found yards of space at the far post, and it was appropriate that Southend's humiliation was completed by Peacock. Cue celebrations and, a little later, cue Spencer's spot of modest lobbying on behalf of his fellow former supplicant in the temple of Ruud. You know it makes sense, Mr Houston - so just reach for Chris Wright's cheque book, and do it.

OUEENS PARK RANGER® (4-4-2) A Roberts — A McDermott, K Ready, A McDonald, R Bevett — T Strickin, S Barley, G Peacock, M Brazier — J Spencer (sub-M Hateley, 75min), D Dichio SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): S Royce — K Dublin, A Hame, M McNally, M Stimson — J Halls (sub: P Durston, 53), 7 Selley, P Gridelet, S Tilson (sub: J Nellsen, 53) — A Rammell, P Williams.

Oxford display wealth that money cannot buy instincts as the Tranmere Rovers



Sheffield United

been a more compelling performance in the Nationwide League first division this season than the one with which Oxford destroyed Sheffield United on Saturday. Commanding and composed in defence, fluent in midfield and devastating in attack, Oxford booked

BY KEITH PIKE

THE stadium may resemble a set from The Land That Time Forgot, but the team is as progressive as they come, and, if the Premiership was not designed with Oxford United in mind. the fact is that the Carling and champagne set might just have to make room for them next August.
It is hard to believe that there has

executive class as they continued to fly Assembled for a pittance and play-

ing each week at grounds where the opulence can be oppressive, Oxford whose own new stadium is taking shape on the city's outskirts — are performing a passable impersonation of Wimbledon, with whom they might be rubbing shinpads next season. It was little wonder that Denis Smith wore a satisfied smile as he stood in the bowels of the ramshackle Manor Ground contemplating a table show-ing Oxford in fifth place, with the likes of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Manchester City in their wake.

The outstanding individuals in this victory were Martin Aldridge, a striker salvaged from Northampton Town's reserves, and Matt Elliott, the centre half bought from Scunthorpe United for £170,000, a record fee that represents loose change to the likes of Howard Kendall's Sheffield team.

"It was an outstanding performance, the best since I have been here," Smith, who succeeded Brian Horton a little more than three years ago, said, "but I still think Sheffield United will go up [they dropped one place to third as a result of the worst League defeat of Kendall's reign]. If things go wrong, they can put it right by spending, and that's not a pleasure I've got.

"I was down to my last lo players, I haven't got any money and it's frustrat-ing, but, when the players respond like this ... apart from injuries and suspensions, there is no reason why we cannot be up there challenging."

Certainly not if Aldridge, 21 and no relation to the evergreen John, continues to show the same goalscoring

legend. Eight games without a goal had tested Smith's faith, but his perseverance with "a natural goalscorer" was rewarded with a 20-minute hat-trick that completed some incisive Oxford approach play.

Jernson, having lazily sidefooted a penalty wide, then headed Oxford's fourth before Walker stole a reply that Sheffield United scarcely merited. Kelly's agility prevented Oxford from doubling their tally, leaving Kendall to describe Sheffield's display as "unacceptable" and "difficult to stomach."

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L, Robinson, M Ellott, D Purse, M Ford — J Beauchamp, D Smith (auto: M Murphy, 84mm), M Gray R Ford — N Jemson, M Aldridge, Gubr. D Rush, 75].

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — P Parker, D Holdsworth, R Nilson, L Sandtord — D White, N Spackmen (sub. A Scott, 59), M Patterson, P Simpson — G Taylor (sub: A Welker, 37), P Kelchouro.

Walker welcomes show of some fighting spirit

Crystal Palace1

By PAT GIBSON

WHEN a football manager says that he is pleased that his side showed a bit of fight, he is usually speaking metaphorically. Mike Walker was not. He thought that the unedifying spectacle of his Norwich City players swapping punches with their Crystal Palace rivals may just have marked the turning point in their season.

Norwich have not won in seven matches, which is why they have slipped to eighth in the Nationwide League first division, but Walker "saw a spark that I thought had been extinguished" when they hit back to equalise after Palace had dominated the first half and then joined in an extraordinary free-forall four minutes from the end. It finished with Muscat, who had ignited the trouble by blatantly body-checking Eadie as he was heading for goal, and Houghton for the first time in his 18-year career - being sent off.

As Dave Bassett, the Palace manager, observed afterwards, it was such a melee that Kevin Lynch,

the referee, could have sent off 18 players. Away from the general brawl, Edworthy and Polston were having a no-holds barred wrestling match all of their own. Only Tuttle was seen to distance himself from the affray, although one or two, most noticeably Gunn, appeared to be trying to stop the fighting.
"The usual handbags," Walker scoffed. Bassett was none too impressed, either. "Let's not get

carried away by a few players pushing each other," he said. "It was more like kids throwing their toys out of the pram." It was a shame that the match

ended as it did, because it was a cracking contest. Shipperley put Palace ahead in the third minute and they should have been further in front by half-time, but Norwich changed their system by pushing Newman into midfield and got their reward in the 71st minute when an Adams free kick ricocheted around the goalmouth like a pinhall before finishing up in the

back of the set. NORWICH CITY (44-2), B Gunn — D Statch, R Norwinn, J Polston, D Mills — N Adams, A Johnson, LCook, D Eadle — R Rock (sub X O'Nell, 75min), K Soci.
CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2). C Day — D Tuttle, A
Roberts, D Gordon — M Edworthy, C Veart, R
Houghton, R Quant (sab. G Davies, 66), K Muscat —
B Dyer (cub D Freedman, 80). N Shapperley
Reference K Lyncit.

Webb's sights set on progress Brentford ...

By PETER BALL

FROM the back of the magnificent new stand towering over Turf Moor, you can see over the tight little town of Burnley and up to the hills beyond. Until the last ten minutes of the match on Saturday. that was a more appealing vista for home supporters than the game being played in front of them.

Burnley's home form, embracing six successive victories in the league, had taken them to fifth place in the Nationwide League second division. Brentford brought that run to an abrupt end, winning with rather more to spare than the scoreline suggests to the delight of their 230 travelling supporters sat huddled together in the otherwise empty Endsleigh Stand — in its time a state-of-the-art edifice that brought Burnley serious financial

Will the towering new stands at Burnley and Preston North End prove a case of folie de grandeur uelled by local rivalry? A case of "if Blackburn do it, so must we? They certainly will not fill them when visiting teams bring only 230 supporters with them.

That is a level of support that makes Brentford's progress all the more admirable. David Webb, the manager, is repeating the success that he earned with Southend United. Why his achievement in saving Chelsea from relegation did not persuade Ken Bates, the chairman, to keep faith with him is a mystery, but his record suggests that he has few equals in getting the best out of limited resources, as

Brentford demonstrated here. They embody the enduring English football: tight, competitive

Results and tables

and well organised, with every man knowing his job. Woe betide him if he does not fulfil it. When Parkinson got free during Burnley's late rally, he was unable to connect with Eyres's cross, but that did not save Asaba from a serious telling off from Dearden and Bates for letting him run.

It was too much for Burnley. "One or two of our key players were below their normal standard, but Brentford did their job very well, they stopped us playing," Adrian Heath, the Burnley manager. said.

Once Gleghorn, the organiser of the Burnley passing game, had been subdued by Omigie, Brent-ford took over. Asaba's height and power ensured that their defenders always had a target, but they played some good football, too. particularly after the first goal.

Paul Smith, the Burnley midfield player, inadvertently flicked on Hurdle's throw to Asaba, who was unmarked in the six-yard box and able to turn and shoot across

The second was also a chapter of errors. Harvey charged down Winstanley's clearance, Omigie put him clear to release Forster, whose touch and finishing suggest that he is recovering rapidly the form of two years ago, when he was an England Under-21 player.

Swan was able to punish a moment of slackness with a looping header five minutes from time. but Burnley have an early chance to erase their disappointment when they meet Walsall in an FA Cup replay tomorrow, with a visit to Anfield the prize.

BURNLEY (3-5-2): M Berestord — M Winstanley (sub. P Barnes, 57min). P Swann, C Brass — G Parlimon. P Wieller, N Gleghorn (sub. D Matthew, 77), P Smit, D Eyes — A Cooke, K Nogan. BRISNTFORD (4-3-3): K Deerden — G Hurdle, B Ashtby, J Battes, I Anderson — L Harvey (sub: C Hutchings, 90). P Smith. D McGhee — J Ornigie, N Forster, C Asabo.

Shilton saves his best for lead-up to 1,000th game*

Levton Orient1

By Nick Szczepanik

"DODGY 'keeper," supporters of Fulham chanted hopefully as Peter Shilton prepared to face an early corner kick at Craven Cottage on Saturday. Some hope. Shilton may be 47 and a veteran of 999 League games, but, on this evidence, it still takes an extraordinary strike to beat him. Fulham's problem was that they managed only one of them, and, good as it was, it was

not enough.

It came 25 minutes from time, as their forwards swarmed for the umpteenth time around the Leyton Orient penalty area. Paul Watson's curling left-foot shot flew high past Shilton, powerless for once, and went in off the post. "It was a great shot," Shilton said. "You can't stop

everything."
Yet he stopped nearly everything else, although his best save of the afternoon, when he threw himself to his right to palm aside Conroy's late effort, seemed no more than a footnote at the time. There was barely a minute left, Orient were down to ten men, after McGleish's

dismissal for a late tackle, and Fulham looked to have three more points safely in the bag to consolidate their leadership of the Nation-wide League third division: It proved critical. The referee

astonished everyone in the ground by awarding a goal kick instead of a corner. Within seconds Orient had worked the ball forward, won a free kick, and Warren had headed in a high, hanging cross for the equaliser. "Typical, isn't it?" Shilton said. "I was disappointed the reference area lakek but it. the referee gave a goal kick, but it was good for the club to come back and get a draw against the leaders. We're battling and creating a few

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Shilton was kept warm by his personal duel with Conroy, the division's top scorer.

Shilton now faces a week of pressures of a different kind, with a. range of interviews and photo sessions to plough through before his i,000th appearance, next Sunday.

SURJUAN, CS-21: A Lange — M Blake (sub: D Cullin, Stimen), N Cusack, T Arquis — P Welson, R Carpenter, G Codearif (sub: R Scott, 67), S Mongen, R Hemere — M Corrus, D Freeman, LEYTON - CRIESTY (5-3-2): P Shilton — J Cherming, D Chepman, R Joseph M Warren, J D Neytor — M Ling, A Amolt (sub: A Media, 78), S Howes — C West (sub: A Ingletrorps. 61), S McCilekh Referee: B Knight,

rhythm to no avail. Colly-

more, playing with thrilling

directness, once more supplied

a goal for a colleague. His free

kick was parried by Walsh

and Bjornebye stooped to head

li Emerson was half-fit, Ravanelli, Middlesbrough's

other expensive import, was

half-hearted. He skirted tack-

les, rarely chased for the ball

and his control and passing

was dreadful. If he was poor with his feet, he was much

better with his arms. In his

black driving gloves, he con-

tinually gestured to team-

mates, many of whom were

working twice as hard, for -

Middlesbrough were de

nied a fingerhold on the match

when Keith Burge, the referee, indicated that McAteer's colli-

sion in the penalty area with Hignert had been a shoulder

The game effectively over.

Liverpool briefly hit upon one

of their infamous bouts of day-

dreaming, but a goal by Fjortoft, headed in from a free

charge rather than a push.

at best - half the pay.

it beyond flailing defenders.

Mere mortals

pay price as

Fowler joins

the deities

Middlesbrough

By MARK HODKINSON

PLAYERS, since they are mere

servants to mortality, pass

through, but the aura of

Liverpool remains, Bill

Shankly and his acolytes un-

derstood the psychology of fear and the legacy, passed on like a family heirloom,

Middlesbrough were beaten

by themselves as much as their opponents in crimson on

Saturday. Like scores before

them, they were overwhelmed,

struck mute in the court of the

crimson kings. Their defer-

ence was undignified and

discomforting, like watching a flyweight being set upon by

If the state of mind was

amiss, it was matched by the

calamity of Bryan Robson's tactics. He played the same formation as Liverpool, effect-

ively pitting player against player, with disastrous re-

sults. Journeymen like

Mustoe, Stamp, Liddle and

Cox were loyal to their brief-

ing, but for the most part looked like men running up-

wards on the down escalator.

Liverpool had the verve and

guile to secure optimum returns from Middlesbrough's

deficiency, though, despite the scoreline, the performance

was still short of consummate.

They sometimes drained too

much pace from the game,

leaving it almost funereal, and

teams of a less pusillanimous nature would have fed hungri-

ly on some scrappy passing.

Within seconds of the kick-

Mike Tyson.

FOOTBALL: GULLIT FAILS TO FIND ANSWERS AS CHELSEA PAY DEARLY FOR LACK OF FIGHTING SPIRIT

Sunderland signal bright future

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

THEY probably did not tell Gianfranco Zola of days like this when he forsook Italy for the more earthly delights of the FA Carling Premiership. If they had, he might have added a footnote to his contract: "I reserve the right to have a hamstring injury on cold eve-nings in the North East." Not that Zola, the little Italian, proved an expensive luxury at Roker Park yesterday. Far from it. It was just that those around him had left much of their heart back on the King's

Nothing, though, should de-tract from Sunderland's victory, their most emphatic at home since April and a timely confirmation of their resurgence after a clear-cut defeat of Everton the week before. On

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, will pit his wits against Cesare Maldini in a World Cup qualifying match next February after Maldini, the popular Italy Under-21 coach, was confirmed yesterday as manager of the full national side.

Christmas Eve, Sunderland will be floated on the Stock Exchange and, if the timing is a trifle odd, the seriousness of their financial challenge to the big-time Charlies should not he underrated. In his typically gritty way, Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, is fashioning a side of total commitment and, rather more unexpectedly, deft skill.

A new 42,000-seat ground lies around the corner, metaphorically and geographical-ly, and it needs to be filled with Premiership football, but, if Sunderland continue to play like this, they can turn their sights to something rather more fulfilling than mere

"It was a smashing day for us and for our crowd," Reid . said. "It was an early Christmas present for them because they hadn't seen many goals here recently. I thought the way we went about the job

Sunderland's spirit was

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couple of voices called out "Judas!", and then a

L couple more — not real-

ly malevolently, but feeling that it was somehow expected

of them. Judas! If John Scales

can reproduce on the pitch the

speed that he showed from the Elland Road exit to the Totten-

ham Hotspur team coach,

tien even Robbie Fowler will

What has Scales done to be thus placed in the depths of the Inferno in the Leeds United

cosmic view? Simple. He was

all set to join them last week,

but Tottenham snaffled him

up from beneath their noses.

At the last minute something

between these clubs, a difficult

afternoon was in prospect. However, he saved the day by

suffering from that most terri-

ble of afflictions, the diplomat-

Gerry Francis, the Totten-

ham manager, denied any

hint of diplomacy, but, after

seeing what Leeds can do

when they get over-excited -- a

horrid kicking match against

wise to keep the temperature

-Chelsea - perhaps be was

down.
It was freezing, and the

be wonderful, enthralling, al-

result was 0-0. Now there can

together satisfying 0-0 draws,

and this was not one of them.

Since his first match was

be in trouble.

better turned up.

ic groin strain.

who returned to Premiership duty less than 24 hours after playing for Wales against Turkey in a World Cup qualifier. In contrast, Chelsea were left to reflect on the absence of Vialli, through injury, Leboeuf, through suspension, and Di Matteo — until he went on as a second-half substitute -through loss of form. Gullit, the manager, pressed himself into service as a striker, choosing to rest Hughes, another to play for Wales on Saturday. and fulfil a role that he has not regularly filled since his early

nearly ten months. For once, Gullit looked out of his depth. His most freakimbo, head bowed in disgust at what was going on around him. It did not occur to him until too late that he should try to influence the game by retreating into midfield. Perhaps he was wise. So strong was the tackling of Ball and Bracewell in the Sunder-land midfield, even the combative Wise looked lost.

days, and Sinclair returned to

right back for his first game in

Admittedly, Sunderland's cause was helped by the large slice of luck that gave them their opening goal on the halfhour - yet, even before then, Gray had given Sinclair notice of the torrid afternoon ahead of him and Russell warned Duberry and Clarke of his pace, nipping behind them to force Grodas into a diving save. Then, just as Cheisea were beginning to find some semblance of order, Russell struck. Or was it Duberry's back? Either way, Russell broke inside from the right, lined up a shot that sliced of his left foot and took a wicked deflection off Duberry, the Chelsea central defender, to loop tantalising over Grodas and into the net Russell looked sheepish enough about claiming the goal; Reid did not

"We got a break with that one and we'd not had many of those this season," he said. "After that we were able to relax and play our football." And play they did. No sooner had the whistle blown at the start of the second half than Sunderland extended their lead. This one was a beauty. worthy of Serie A in its movement and execution.

Not for the first time, Sinclair was drawn hopelessly

It was an afternoon of midfield

incoherence and a result that

both clubs would have settled

Was it only the ballet critics

up in the press box who were

This is not going to make red-hot television, but it

warms the hearts of commit-

ted footballing people - committed to Leeds, that is. Meanwhile, Tottenham, in their continuing crisis of iden-

tity, their seeking under Fran-cis of the low road of consistent

competence, had the better of

of abusing Scales for his disloyalty to a club of which he

was never a member. Do the

customers of the NatWest

bank call a Barclays branch

manager "Judas" if he thinks

about joining the NatWest but

ends up at Lloyds?
One-club footballers are

rare beasts these days. They

move from firm to firm

because a mobile workforce is

what the firms themselves

want. In the main, the only

people who stay loyal to clubs .

are supporters. As more and

more money comes into the

Leeds also had the pleasure

for before kick-off.



Ball leads the celebrations after scoring Sunderland's spectacular second goal at Roker Park yesterday

when Gray was released by Bracewell. Gray's first touch was clumsy, his second a delight as he floated a wicked, curling centre away from Grodas for Ball to hurl himself through the air and score with a spectacular header. It was no more than Ball, the inspirational Sunderland captain, deserved, a tribute to the work that Reid has been

game, one wonders at the gulf

ground in persuading his midfield to search for goals. For a time, as Hughes went on and Chelsea reorganised, Sunderland seemed set to turn an emphatic victory into an minute Russell once again sneaked in behind Clarke to turn Kelly's delicately angled

pass under Grodas and into the net. The Roker roar could

Simon Barnes wonders who enjoyed

the freezing stalemate at Elland Road

as Middlesbrough. Shortly after, the same combination, working the same move, forced Grodas into an excel-

Gullit was not generous in defeat, whining about the injustice of the first goal rather than the inadequacies of his team. "You cannot train for goals like that," he said, "but what worries me about this

television. After all, people watch even if their own club,

should they support one, is not

playing. Middlesbrough have shown

us the value of the concept of

stupid goals." Sunderland deserved more credit than that and it will not have escaped their notice that they are only five points behind Chelsea and closing.

gone, just another 5,371 for Middlesbrough to endure. They survived for nearly 30 minutes before the same combination struck again. This time Collymore hit the post and Fowler gleefully tapped the ball home. It was his 100th goal in 165 games for Liverpool and he celebrated by lifting up his short to reveal the message: "God's job's a good 'un." It transpired after-

Fowler. Twenty-nine seconds

off Emerson showed why he kick, prompted them back to life. McManaman collected should have been finding his fitness anywhere else but on the unremitting stage of when Mustoe allowed the ball Anfield. He appeared to pull a muscle on his first amble to run loose. He advanced towards goal, placed it upfield and was left with a through to Fowler and he diminishing view of Collypushed it beyond Walsh to more's studs as he tore into the record a hat-trick. Middlesbrough half. His shot Fowler's fourth and Liverwas blocked by Walsh, but followed up expertly by

pool's final goal was a wonder-ful piece of finishing. He piece of finishing. He steadied himself expertly and, while Liddle and Whelan danced ungainly as if suddenly caught on ice. Fowler played the ball from one foot to the other and finally into the net. Robson, the Middlesbrough

Fowler: scoring spree

manager, was candid in his appraisal of the match. "Liverpool were red hot today," he said. They had a great start and the lads drained away afterwards. I'm glad we are not going to come up against

between the supporters' per-ception of their club and that displeased? For those loyal to buy the ever more expensive "entertainment". They have certainly had more publicity. either cause, there were satistickets are not die hard homeconscience shouting "Judas"? among his team-mates is God, fying points about the afterand away loyalists, but floarof the players. Has it ever been more stuff written about them, We shall doubtless see soon and he is palpably not one for ing voters in search of than any club outside champunderstatement. noon. Leeds, under George The demography of the "entertainment"; and, certain-Graham's brutal praematism. ionship contenders — and Liddle and Whyte were game is changing, and with it the nature of the supporters. ly, that describes most people who watch their football on have now recorded three perhaps that is enough to successive clean sheets.

satisfy their sponsors. Graham was asked afterwards if he did not feel the pressure to sign a "name". A big-money signing at least shows the world that you are doing your best. Graham, alarmingly amiable these days, was in at once with a denial. A denial of the whole

"The fans are not looking for a name," he said. "They are looking for improvement in the league. They want a suc-cessful Leeds United." In other words, who gives a monkey for the neutrals, the floating voters and the ballet critics? The concept of loyalty has

changed among fotballers. Ian Rush is still seen as the archetypal one-club man, yet he left Liverpool to collect some foreign exchange in Italy, and he is now at Leeds, still, game as ever, struggling not to e an embarrassment to his

Perhaps the one-club sup-

Loyal supporters draw little comfort in the cold past, or less of a factor in the scheme of things, anyway. Will an Arsenal supporter be able to watch Newcastle United versus Manchester United on pay-per-view without his

> Certainly, nobody that did not love Leeds or Tottenham very deeply indeed would have been able to stick the events of last Saturday, still less get any pleasure from them. Fox and Howells hit the woodwork for Tottenham, and Fox might have had a penalty. Rush, as usual, missed a chance that he would have buried in a former life. Not a one-club man, but only any good for one

Football is fashionable, and so are replica football shirts. The game has caught the nation's fancy. However, those who enjoy the fruits of caprice must prepare themselves for caprice's lash. Big names and fashion trends come and go. but the virtues of the indescribably ghastly 0-0 draw endureth forever.

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Unsettled Clark faces

talks with chairman FRANK CLARK, the Nottingham Forest manager, will have talks with Irving Korn. the chairman, this week before deciding his future with the struggling FA Carling Pre-miership club (Richard Hobson writes). He is concerned at the way takeover moves are becoming increasingly protracted, casting uncertainty around the City Ground.

Despite early hopes that the matter would be resolved and a buyer in place by the end of November, it now appears that the new owners will not be in position until January 6 at the earliest. Forest will have to repay a bank loan of £2 million by the end of the year and Clark, who has been

expecting an injection of around £13 million with which to buy new players, will be under pressure to sell instead. Forest are second from bottorn of the Premiership without a win since the opening day of the season. They meet second-placed Liverpool at

and Manchester United. Clark has revealed an inter-est in bringing Jürgen Klinsmann, the unsettled Bayern Munich striker, to the City Ground at the end of the season, but added: "Unless we are at least mid-table by then, we will not have a chance of enticing him."

Anfield tomorrow night and follow that with home games

against Arsenal, the leaders,

Work ethic offers Wimbledon belated reward

Iversen, of Tottenham, takes control under pressure at Elland Road. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport

:. Wimbledon ... Blackburn Rovers0

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

FROM far and wide they came, by all accounts, to watch Wimbledon on Saturday and to discover their secret. Even Egil Olsen, the team manager of Norway, who only recently an-hounced that he thought English football so drab that he discouraged his players from coming here.

After watching this apology for an FA Carling Premiership match, he could only have been confirmed in his opinions. As for Joe Kinnear, Wimbledon's irrepressible manager, he said that there was no secret. You

can't beat hard work." Wimbledon, in fact, deserve to be studied not as a team - for all their 19 match unbeaten run, they remain a pretty fustian one — but as a club. In this respect, they consistently perform small miracles.

the young, such as Ardley, Perry and Fear, miracles in the transfer market, Such as picking up, for peanuts, a striker such as the formidable Marcus Gayle, whose career at Brentford once seemed at an end after a tracas on the training ground. Brentford, though, kept him; Wimbledon got

him: Gayle has seemingly seen the light and now he is a host in himself. Just belt the ball high and hard up the left, as Kimble enthusiastically does, in the old Wimbledon tradition, and Gayle, with his pace and power and no small skill, will as likely as

not make something out of it. Such as he did midway through the first half, when excellent work and a searching cross had the Blackburn Rovers defence in disarray. When at last the ball was hacked out of the goalmouth, Ardley met it and his shot was beaten down by

In the closing minutes, when Blackburn seemed worn down by Wimbledon's sheer pressure, Gayle was devastating. He beat the indomi-Miracles of finding and developing

table Hendry on the right-hand goalline when there seemed no possible way past him, with a feint that would have done credit to Stanley Matthews. Receiving from Leonhardsen, he made space for himself in a central position, hitting a low shot that Given did well to turn for a corner.

These, alas, were no more than

Wales worry Steve McManaman

belated consolations. As Tony Parkes, Blackburn's regular, temporary manager, said, the game for much of its course looked all over a goalless draw. He was right to admit: "We didn't create enough chances for the possession we had," though, by the same token. Kinnear was right to praise Perry and Blackwell, his centre backs, for the way that they subdued the Blackburn strikers. Blackburn's parts continue to be so much greater than the whole. Too often they flatter to deceive. On one of the few occasions that they seemed likely to score, early in the second half, when Sullivan made a hash of a corner, Sherwood shot but the ball

Vinnie Jones was not at Selhurst Park, he was playing for Wales, but perhaps it was as well that he was missing. An incensed Kinnear will confront him today over a flippant interview that he gave about the rest of the Wimbledon team.

Kinnear insisted that "people are forgetting who we are and expecting more of us. I think for some reason we were a yard off the pace in the first half. In the second half we decided to go brave, push Ardley up, give Leonhardsen a free role."

It was Holdsworth, though, the scoring substitute, who finally broke the dull deadlock, four minutes from the end. By that point Blackburn's defence, at last, was rocking. Wimbledon kept putting the ball back into the mixer, however desperately

Blackburn tried to get it away. Finally it came to Peter Fear, whose kick took a kindly deflection off a colleague, enabling Ardley to flick it on and Holdsworth to score easily.

"We never really expected them to score," Parkes said, resignedly, "but it was a typical Wimbledon goal. You can't clear your lines and someone nods it down to score."

So Wimbledon continue to mingle with the mighty and, if they are up there by default, whose fault is that? What they have so boldly and resourcefully proved is that, even in these days of excess when millionaire players abound. David can still ople Goliath.

Deprived of European competition in 1988, after winning the FA Cup, they surely deserve a chance in 1997. WildELEDON (4-4-2): N Subegn — K Cunningham, D Blackwell, C Perry, A Kimble — W Ardley, R Earle, P Feer, O Leonhardson — M Gayla, E Ekoku (sub: D Holdsworth, 78mm) BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-3-2): S Gwen — J Kenne C Hendry, H Berg, G Le Saux — I. Bohmor, V McKinley, T Shenwood — K Gallacher, C Sulton,

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Everton's hopes of mounting a challenge for the Premiership title over the Christmas period start tonight with a tricky match at the

Baseball Ground, Everton, beaten once in their last nine matches, will

adopt the same defensive caution

and counter-attacking tactics they

have employed successfully recent-ly with Parkinson fit to return to the

midfield after an ankle injury and

Derby, unbeaten in five matches, will continue their Premiership education after coming within sec-

onds of winning at Arsenal. Steve

Barmby after a bout of flu.

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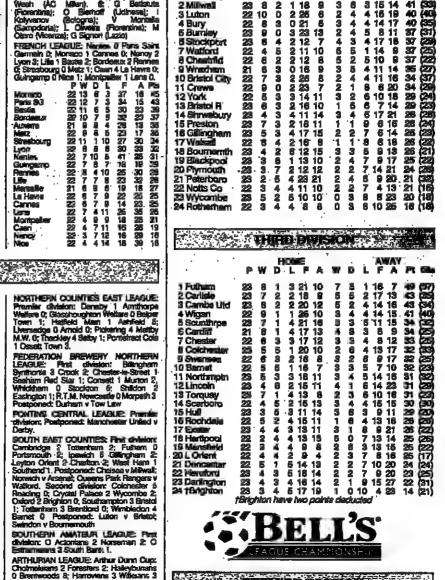
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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON 🐪

FOR a few hours on Saturday Wales sat proudly on top of the group seven World Cup quali-fying table. An eventful yet ultimately fruitless tie against Turkey at the National Stadium in Cardiff had edged them into a one-point lead. Later that evening, after Holland had won 3-0 in Belgium, the illusion was shattered. Reality returned to the Principality.

Wales are now clinging to the slenderest chance of reaching the finals in France in 1998. Had they beaten Turkey, as the public address announcer bizarrely believed — "Final score: Wales I, Turkey 0," he boomed, before hastily correcting his error — the way ahead might still be laden

with optimism. Yet, although many a brave post-match word was spoken, they have only three games - home and away to Belgium and away to Turkey — in which to retrieve an apparently lost cause. Even the route of finishing group runners-up, and facing a subsequent play-off, may be be-

John Toshack, the former Wales and Liverpool striker, who now manages Deportivo 48 days and one game in charge of Wales, he chose to resign in March 1994. He not only hated the internal politics, he had seen the signs, too.

is there still hope of World Cup qualification? "No. not really," Toshack said, guardedly. "We had to beat Turkey here and we won't find it easy at their place. Maybe it's not all over it never is until the final whistle, but other results have got to go our way if we're going to do it."

It clearly pained him to concede failure and he derived little pleasure, either, in querying the game-plan of Bobby Gould, the Wales manager. It was a scheme designed, initially, to exorcise the spectre of the heavy defeat against Holland in Eindhoven last month; then, confidence restored, the tempo was to be upped in the scond half

"You don't get time at international level; you've got to get out and do it straight away," Toshack said. "The tactics were a long way off what was needed. We need much more variation in our

play."

Neville Southail, winning his ninetieth cap, was more optimistic about qualification. We've lost another two points, but we're still in with a shout," he said. "When you're coming off the back of a 7-1



Hughes tries to shrug off the aggressive challenge of Kemalettin in the goalless draw at the National Stadium

victory, and people underestimate the Turks. They are a good side and they caused us a lot of problems."

From the wreckage of Eindhoven, several plus points emerged. Robert Page, 22, of Watford, made a sound debut. Though his distribution often lacked accuracy, he defended with increasing authority. Gary Speed also thrived in an unfamiliar sweeper's role. Though it restricted his runs forward, it kept him busy and

interested. It was a vast improvement on the Dutch debacle and might have been rewarded with victory had a series of second-half chances not been scorned. Yet Turkey, Euro 96 competitors in June and still upwardly mobile on the world stage, had as many opportunities to further their runners-up ambitions behind Holland.

Abdullah's blessed left foot would not be out of place among the FA Carling Premiership glitterati; Kema-lettin's fierce 76th-minute drive struck the crossbar; and Oktay's classic overhead kick, a minute later, produced a marvellous reaction save from Southall

Wales could face expulsion from the World Cup, the public address announcer warned at half-time, if any spectator intruded on to the pitch. It drew a curt response from one disgruntled home supporter. That wouldn't said. Perhaps not.

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That came after 12 minutes,

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and it takes times to adjust. The problem for Middles-

ears to have decided that he cannot wait that long and the situation has become difficult to resolve. The way football has gone, the player - especially the star player — is able to dictate everything. Emerson just flew off to Brazil and there was nothing his club io about π. Inty nave fined him. apparently, but that won't bother him. If he wants to go, he will go in the

right thing in trying to hang on to him. He was a bargain at £4 million, especially because he is only 22. If they can keep him for a couple of years and he improves, he could be worth double the fee. There is the point, as well,

Why Emerson should stay put in England

have been monitoring Emerson's position at Middlesbrough with a detached interest. If you are not at a club, you never really know what is going on there and it is difficult to understand the full situation. Yet it does appear that Emerson's problems hold a significance

for all players. On Saturday he looked a forlorn figure because Liverpool dominated the game and he hardly got a kick. He is obviously talented but it was impossible for him to show it because he seldom saw the

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, has said that the Brazilian has received some bad advice and, on all the evidence, I would go along with that. He signed a fouryear contract and yet, barely five months into it, he doesn't seem to fancy it any more. I don't know if there are any secrets we don't know about but, if he feels like that, he might as well not have signed a contract in the first place.

Everyone has problems when they move to a new club, but surely that is the best reason for sticking it out and giving it a go. I have spoken to players such as Paul Ince and Gazza, who moved abroad, and it is clear that the first year is tremendously difficult.

I've always thought that, if I ever move abroad, I would give it at least two years. The first year has got to be for settling down, getting used to a different language and culture. Only in the second year, surely, can you start to feel anything like comfortable. Even if you move between

clubs in England, it takes time to settle in. There is the moving, living in a hotel, finding a house, getting the family settled. It is all a strain

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-- STEVE ---McMANAMAN



just walked out.

It doesn't work like that. Emerson is supposed to be interesting Barcelona, but there were stories last season that they were in for me. To this day I don't know the full story, but apparently Liverpool said they weren't interested and that was that. I didn't hear anything about it and I just got on with playing.

Whatever stand Middlesbrough make with Emerson, in the end it might be better for them to get rid of him. All they can do is keep fining him. and that will just drive a bigger wedge between him and the club. They will have paid all that for nothing.

Of course, players should not break contracts. If you sign for a club, you should want to play for them. That's the point I can't understand, because surely the most important thing to any footballer is playing. If Emerson is determined to go, though, I can't see what his club can do about it in the long run.

hey have to think what effect it is having on team morale. The rest of the players will surely find it annoying demoralising even, if they are coming into training every day, giving it their all, and finding that the star player can't be bothered to turn up. Football teams are about sticking together, working for the common cause. and, if one player upsets that, it might be wiser to let him go.

The worry is that Emerson is another example of foreign try, taking the money and running, without giving anything back. Clubs will have to he extra cautious not to let it happen again, because that is a route to disaster for the game in this country.

Emerson is back now, and the indications are that he is willing to stick around over Christmas. Let's hope that he takes some advice from Juninho, his team-mate, because he has given it a good go, and it is in the best interests of English football

Yellow cards colour Irish view of cup campaign his right foot for Dowie, at the



Northern Ireland

BY DAVID MADDOCK

BRYAN HAMILTON, the Northern Ireland manager, hesitated briefly when quessignificant moment of this thoroughly uninspiring match. "A goal for Dowie is a significant moment." he loked gently. Had he been in more serious mood, he might have pointed to the 85th minute, when, with the game won some time before, Michael Hughes got himself booked. It was not the most intelligent moment of Hughes's career. The yellow card was presented for a clumsy chall-enge in the Albania half on Rraklli, their only player of obvious quality. It is his

second booking of the qualifying tournament and means. that he will miss Northern ireland's next match.

Sadly for the Irish, that game will define their qualify-ing campaign, and Hughes is their one and only creative source. This win, as routine as It Wals, Itals group, especially after Germany's draw in Portugal. Victory over Portugal in March would place Northern Ireland at the head of group nine and suggest, at least, the possibility of reaching the World Cup

Without Hughes, and Kevin Horlock, also booked for the second time, victory over Portugal is a much vaguer proposition. Hughes was a beacon of brilliance on a gloomy Bel-fast afternoon, jinking and gliding in search of an

Northern Ireland are a worthy side and, marshalled by the always-impressive and maturing Gerry Taggart at the back, are a match for any team, as Germany found to their cost a month ago. Going forward, though, without Hughes, they wander aim-DOWN. Against Portugal, they will

need to score, and without Hughes you would not bet on "It is a blow for us, losing Hughes, and Horlock, it is always difficult losing players, and when you have limited resources, as we do, then it is even harder." Hamilton said. Portugal becomes a very

important game now, and we will miss Hughes badly." At least Northern Ireland won at home, a fundamental requirement and yet a concept that a Windsor Park supporter

has not been familiar with recently. It may have been Hughes who posed the main threat to Albania, but it was Dowie, his West Ham United team-mate, who scored the

He had scored only two all season and not one for his yet his brace lifts him above George Best on the all-time scoring list for his country.

Dowie, at centre forward, is nothing if not passionate, and that quality is rubbing off on his team-mates. He has even gone in for a little inspirationwork, lifting his team-mates before the match by blaring out music on a ghetto blaster

in the dressing-room.

Dowie's first goal took him past Best's tally of nine for Northern Ireland. Lomas did well to skip past a challenge and cross with the outside of

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Vintage Steven quietly makes the difference

HAVING recovered his fitness, Trevor Steven dispensed with his voice. Requests for an interview were turned down after Rangers' 3-1 victory over Dunfermline Athletic, but Steven, the midfield player, was ever, he was still close enough not to be blamed for choosing silence as his superstition. Just look at the harm that words appear to have done him.

Steven scored the only goal In the opening game of the Bell's Scottish League premier division season, against Raith Rovers on August 10, and then pronounced himself fully restored to health. The punishment for optimism was immediate, as injury pounced once again.

Late summer had been soaked up, a mild autumn enjoyed and the first frosts of winter fastened to windscreens before Steven was ready for another appearance, against Auxerre two weeks ago. Muscles and joints are all inclined to let him down, as a they often do when a footballer is 33. In the past two seasons he has started only a dozen league matches. Around Ibrox, they joked

ferred to Scottish Television. where he was frequently the pundit when one of Rangers European fixtures was being broadcast. Even then, how to his life as an athlete to shift uncomfortably in his seat when a camera stared at him. Now he is back in action and the lens must chase him across a football field once

Walter Smith hankered after Steven's presence in the Rangers team even when everyone else had closed the file on him. With the side using three central defenders, Smith, the manager, considered Steven the perfect player for the wing-back role on the right, a position that he had filled for England in the latter stages of a World Cup semifinal, in 1990.

Even if it may now be too late to set him the task of charging backwards and forwards on the flank, after years in which his body has been in protest over the demands placed upon it, one can understand Smith's inclination to

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find some sort of place for Steven. The more cynical ob-servers concluded that Steven was given a game on Saturday only in the hope of attracting a buyer, but, if so, he was an excellent advertisement for himself.

While Paul Gascoigne and Brian Laudrup are greater talents. Steven's inclination to bind play together and create pattern also enhances Rangers. One incident on Saturday, when he swivelled away from a challenge and sent a pass perfectly into the stride of the advancing Cleland, was typi-cal. Steven had been as discreet as a family solicitor in his work, but its effect was felt by the opposition.

Although Rangers had opened the scoring, through Ally McCoist in the first minute, Dunfermline grew

more practised in the art of stifling attacks and reduced the game to an insipidity that was, for them, encouraging. Bert Paton, the manager, was able to nurse his far-fetched dream of a late raid that would snatch the equaliser and it took Steven to disabuse him.

After 80 minutes he extricated himself from the defence with a turn on the right before crossing for Gough to head home at the far post. Erik Bo Andersen, a substitute, was to claim a third goal for the side shortly after, before Allan Moore scored for Dunfermline. The reputation of Andersen is, all the same, at its lowest point since his signing from Aalborg in March for

£1.2 million. There has been much guffawing over some of his garish misses and, for a forward, the clumsiness can be grotesque. Last weekend, against Hibermian. Andersen's first touch

took him streaming past the full back only for him then to give the ball a stumbling boot that sent it behind for a goal kick. In the 1-0 defeat by **Dundee United last Tuesday** he failed to finish from a couple of yards. Accordingly. it seemed absurd when he was promptly linked with a move to another celebrated club, Sporting Lisbon, yet there is one quality that intrigues coaches: he has an aptitude for

Half of his 18 appearances for Rangers have come as sub-stitute, but he has scored nine times. One cannot be absolutely certain about him and, in a match as tedious as that on Saturday, it was a relief to have questions to occupy the mind. Can Andersen achieve what was expected of him? Can Steven be what he was?

Durkin marches by the left

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By WALTER GAMMIE

MICKY DURKIN, a chirpy Sit 7in trainee accountant. born in Newcastle, had the day of his life at Waterside Park on Saturday. Durkin scored all four goals for Thatcham as they beat one of their fiercest Jewson Wessex League rivals in the third round of the FA Carlsberg Vase to reach the draw for the

last 32, to be held today. The goals demonstrated his full left-footed repertoire rolled in from 40 yards with precision in the fifth minute, clinically put away into the bottom corner when fed by Baker in the 48th minute, driven inside the near post after a half-cleared corner in the 62nd minute and bundled after Leonard, the Wimborne goalkeeper, fumbled in the 72nd minute.

Not bad for a man who was converted from a left-sided midfield player to a striker only this season because Jim Greenwood, his manager, was "desperate". Durkin's burning wish to play a in a higher grade of football had taken him to Abingdon Town preseason, but his failure to make the first team, loyalty to Greenwood and feeling for Thatcham brought him back to the Wessex League

champions. His frustration was born of the club's failure to gain promotion to the Dr Martens League, a muddled tale of shortcomings concerning the ground, money and political

in-fighting. Greenwood believes that winning promotion is vital to increase support. On Saturday he was left to outshout the noisy Wimborne contingent himself until the goals stirred the home support into voice.

Wimborne's finest hour was winning the Vase in 1992, nine months after which Alex Pike. the manager, was dismissed. Six managers later Pike has returned and, before Saturday, Wimborne had been unbeaten for 15 matches - since Thatcham in October.

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HOCKEY: OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL-WINNERS REGAIN CHAMPIONS' TROPHY

Holland ride storm to eclipse Pakistan

HOLLAND added to their 1996 Olympic corner for Holland's third goal. However, between the 26th and 28th minutes title by regaining the Champions Trophy here in Madras yesterday after a thrilling 3-2 victory in the final against Pakistan Sydney Friskin writes). Holland's previ-

ous successes were in 1981 and 1982 The confidence of the more mature Dutch side was shaken by the flair, fervour and fluency of the young Pakistan team, who fashioned a dramatic recovery after conceding three goals in 20

In the ninth minute De Novijer scored minutes. from a short corner and moments later from a sirver converted a penalty stroke.

Spain made sure of their place in the lornans then scored from another short next Champions' Trophy tournament, at

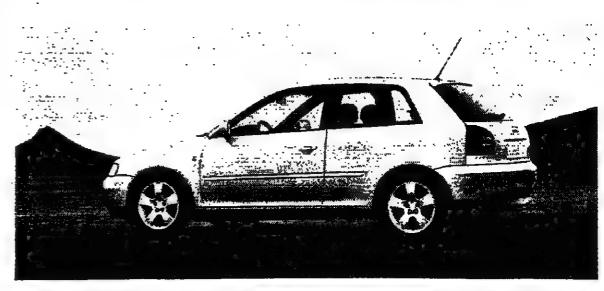
Pakistan hit back with goals from short corners by Rahim Khan and Mohammed Usman to set up an intriguing second half.

Barlier Germany won the bronze medal by defeating a dispirited India side 50 in the play-off, with Bechmann scoring three goals, one from a short corner, India, though, squandered three easy chances before Germany opened the scoring in the 28th minute to lead 2-0 by

half-time

Adelaide in 1997, by defeating Australia 5-2 in the play-off for lifth place. Xavier Areau scored twice for Spain who led 2-1 at the interval. Sixth position was Australia's worst performance in this event, which began in 1978. They have won it six times and had never dropped below fourth.

In the premier division of the National League on Saturday East Grinstead defeated Hounslow 2-1, with Gibson scoring both goals, the second from a penalty stroke. Owen Jones replied for Hounslow, The match between Southgate and Teddington was postpooed again because of a frozen pitch.



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RUGBY UNION

Wales lay down foundations for better days

BY DAVID HANDS KUGIN CORRESPONDENT

THE old year ended for international rugby much as it began, with the British game contemplating how far it must

travel before coming up on the shoulder of the southern hemisphere, but, in defeat in Cardiff yesterday. Wales offered a display of ambition and initiative that will serve them well when the new year comes, There is always a danger in drawing too much sustenance

from defeat, and the fact is that South Africa sealed their victory with five tries to set against one. Three of those scores fell to Joost van der Westhuizen, the livewire scrum half who rivals Justin Marshall, of New Zealand, as the best in the global game: vet Robert Howley lacked little in comparison and, given an ounce more good fortune. Wales would have pressed far

It is a difficult game to play when one side advances in bursts of three, the other in leaps of five or seven points, but, for all that, Nell Jenkins kept Wales in the frame with his kicking. An interval lead of 23-12 gave South Africa scope in which to express themselves and, happily for a 45,000-strong crowd, they chose to do so rather than adopting a defensive strategy.

The side that won the World Cup was a great defensive side," André Markgraaff. the South Africa coach, said. We are a good defensive side. but we are also trying to score tries." Twenty-one in five internationals on their tour of Argentina, France and Wales is testimony to his success, to a team born in disharmony but that now contemplates 1997 with very real expectations.

going astray during the first half yesterday and to a Welsh facility in cover defence that they could not match in attack. They had to wait until added time before Arwel Thomas, retrieving something from an afternoon of personal pain, dummied his way over on the blind side.

Nevertheless, there was a shape and strength of purpose to Wales that England, 24 hours earlier, lacked against Argentina. Allan Bateman made a notable return to the red jersey after six years away in rugby league, strong in the tackle and deceptively elusive in attack, and, despite the travails of Thomas, the midfield came close to breaching the meanest of defences. If Jenkins had been more at

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home with the offensive potential of full back play, they

Sadly, Thomas contributed to South Africa's first two scores. Though Jenkins opened with a penalty goal in the second minute, a missed touch by Thomas gave South Africa the chance to counter and force an offside decision at the ruck. Honiball kicked the goal and, when Thomas had his dropped-goal attempt charged down, Kruger made 70 metres downfield and created the position from which van der Westhuizen scored the first of his tries.

Wales simply could not match the speed of support that South Africa generated. which contributed notably to their second try, when persistent handling saw them erupt down the short side of a ruck and Honiball had a multiplicity of choices before he sent Joubert to the line. Though

Jenkins never allowed his accuracy to drift, Wales needed more than penalty goals showed them a clean pair of heels, bursting clear from 25 metres after Teichmann had broken the advantage line.

A good start to the second half might have spurred Wales, particularly since the South Africa pack had to be reorganised after injuries to Theron and Andrews, but within two minutes van der Westhuizen had ripped the ball away from Howley and crossed for his third try. Though Jenkins kicked a fifth penalty goal, South Africa's advantage grew as Honiball probed deftly and Olivier, with surgical precision, sensed a gap in the defence and took

Howley broke clear and kicked ahead, Jenkins was first to the ball and his forwards arrived to force an attacking scrum. A knock-on by Joubert took them even closer and, rather than going for the eight-man push, Wales released the ball quickly for Arwel Thomas to carve the opening. It was a good end to a fine match, but so much, for

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Selectors should stay on the attack

GERALD DAVIES

Wales have lost to Austraila and South Africa. This will be no doubt a cause for some discontent, but not too much. Wales must place these failings in the context of the high quality of the opponents whom they faced and of what is ahead of them. Having lost to two southern hemisphere countries, where the most powerful rugby nations now unquestionably reside, is no reason to feel despondent and cause the Wales selectors to make any dramatic gestures by changing their personnel to play the game. There was much to encourage them here.

Wales's next match is against the United States, in January, with the five nations' championship coming swiftly on its beels. By the very nature of the gulf that exists between the two hemispheres, their opponents in the new year

of play. It may well be that Wales, as others must, may aspire to those standards south of the equator, but this must be allied to realism. Their aim now is to do well, and more, against their European neighbours. That is the place to gain a reputation for now. It may be below par in world standards, but that is all that Wales can hope for. Come January this will be seen as no small ambition. This, at any rate, was a Wales performance upon

which such hopes can be built. It was a spirited effort. If the expectation beforehand was of the likelihood of Wales being overwhelmed, this did not in any way materialise. The try difference of five to one may indicate as much, but Wales, territorially, had as much. If not more, of the game than South Africa There was optimism, too, in

the way that Wales's tactics indicated an intention to at-

At Cardiff

tack. Indeed, in trying to keep running the ball, they ignored a chance of a penalty goal in front of the posts that would have closed the gap to 18-30 in the twelfth minute of the second half. Their failure to take points when offered re-

sulted, two minutes later, in Olivier scoring at the other end. There was a long way to go at this stage and all the points on offer should have been gratefully received.

Of the individual players, Charvis had a conspicuous game on his first full international. Bateman and Gibbs were a solid pair in the centre and around whom much can be created. Collectively, at forward, it was significant. that, given a penalty midway through the second half, Wales chose to take a scrum. Clearly, this was a measure of their confidence.

The overall weakness, though, was that, as Wales threatened to turn South Africa on their heels and make progress forward, errors crept in and let them off the hook. Indeed, there were occasions when Wales made South Africa-look vulnerable.

However, the difference between the teams lay in speed.

lems for South Africa's defence, but they never looked like running clear of it. South Africa, with Jouhert, Mulder and Olivier, given the slightest chance, could open up gaps that Wales could only close with desperate attempts. It was not so much the man with the ball who was important but those on his shoulder. He invariably enjoyed the support of two or three others. This was demonstrated in van der Westhuizen's second try: five pairs of hands in swift succession — van der Westhuizen, Andrews, Honiball, Teichmann and van der Westhulzen — quick and irresistible.

This was the style that Wales should attempt to emulate. The five countries of the championship have seen the standard set by the southern hemisphere and they must hope that some of it will rub off in the tournament.

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Abject performance at Twickenham suggests Rowell's men have learnt few lessons

Argentina expose England shortcomings

By DAVID HANDS

WBLR In July

JASON LEONARD, a try-scorer in his 51st international, suggested that it might have done England good to get so modest a match as that at Twickenham on Saturday out of the system. The old adage about playing badly and winning springs to mind, save that Argentina exposed all the doubts that continue to haunt England's key areas - half back and back row.

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

If England cannot get their "middle-five" correct, they may yet struggle through a five nations' championship, but their aspirations against the best opposition -Australia in Sydney in July, for example - cannot possibly succeed. An England team shorn of its British Lions will play two full internationals with Argentina in Buenos Aires in June and all the portents suggest a warm reception.

Not that there were many obvious Lions wearing white at Twickenham. The one who played to known form, Martin Johnson, was fortunate to remain on the field after a swing at Nicolas Fernandez Miranda that cost England a try by Guscott, and a dangerously high tackle on Diego Albanese, yet one could sympathise with his frustration; had he let fly at some of his colleagues, it would have been

Jack Rowell, the England coach, has batted long enough on behalf of Mike Catt at stand-off half and even suggested afterwards that Catt had been "courageous" in not leaving the field because of a chest injury that he carried into the match. If that was the case, then Rowell should never have sent him out and, if he could be seen to be suffering - as, at times, he was then he should have been replaced.

It is not only at international level that Catt has failed to organise a game: when Bath have struggled, as they have at Leicester, Northampton and Cardiff this season, he has not done so for his club, either. On a day when his forwards rarely achieved the cohesion that they showed against Italy and the New Zealand Barbarians, the premium on accurate play from half back was higher, and neither Catt nor Andy Gomarsail — who should have learnt more from Justin. Marshall, the New Zealander -

One should remember, of course, that there was one side on the field playing above expectation, and that



Shaw, of England, grapples with Reggiardo, the Argentina prop, while Rodber, left, searches for the ball elsewhere in a forward maul. Photograph: Marc Aspland

ning it, then that side was them. To pin the blame on Gonzalo Quesada, their stand-off, would be wrong, since he played so well, but had he not dithered over a dropped goal and been dispossessed, then it was hard to see England achieving the position from which they scored at 18-15 down with ten minutes left. "I had been talking to Hugo

Porta before the game and he told me not to stand too far away from the scrum," Quesada said, referring to one of Argentina's outstanding former players who is now his country's secretary of sport. "I wanted to close the gap, but, when the ball came, I had the impression the England scrum was already on

Dallaglio ripped the ball from

Rodber's kick through was hacked out of play seven metres from the Argentina line. Johnson caught, England drove the maul and the front row tumbled over the line, where Leonard claimed the try.

The power of the Argentina forwards was expected, though these, remember, were amateurs against professionals. The Argentinian Rugby Union has relaxed its approach so far as to permit paid players from overseas to appear for the national team, but they have scarcely embraced professionalism yet. "We want to build a structure where there is more communication between the players and the administrators and this has been a step forward," Lisandro Arbizu, the captain of a team who each England had enough possession to

José-Luis Imhoff, the coach, would love to see the International Rugby Football Board rescind the law that permits players capped by one country to appear for another. wise to see if a player capped by another country may at least return to help their development. Imhoff paid a handsome tribute to Alex Wyllie, the former All Blacks fianker whom he described as "the best coach in the world", and Wyllie has clearly enjoyed his

association with Argentina.

In fact, England scrummaged tolerably well against them, but the lineout proved the sternest contest that Johnson and Simon Shaw

mous and Chris Sheasby, who probably has the best hands of that trio, was substituted in the second half for Ben Clarke, whose hands have never been the best part of his

Far too frequently England players would go to ground, dragging a movement to a halt and leaving themselves prey to the strong Argentina foragers, of whom Martin had yet another outstanding game for his country. England commit too many players to the maul, leaving themselves desperately short of options when the ball emerges or liable to exposure if the ball is turned over.

Now, though, the time to experi-

with three penalty goals in the first half and two in the second, has kicked well off the ground, matching Quesada's six out of seven which so nearly proved enough for

to be made. The irony is that Catt,

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was Argentina. If ever a side lost a him; in the same move England received around £1,000 expenses shape a game, but failed to do so; rhythm of the five nations to be game rather than England win- drove 60 metres downfield and for their month in England, said. the back row was largely anony- accepted and some brave decisions Juvenile Johnson crosses the line of competence



Guscott try ruled out for Johnson's punch

ne of the consequences of becoming a professional, at rugby or anything else, is that you have to grow up. In rugby, it is no longer a game of easy come, easy go, where victory and defeat, the odd exchange of fisticuffs, can be amicably buried in the bar afterwards. This is now

Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock forward, is one of several England players who needs to grow up, he in particular. His punch at an Argentinian, gratu-itously thrown off the ball in the 55th minute, cancelled one of the pitiably few moments of elation for England in a match that they should have lost Jeremy Guscott's try in the corner, which would have given England a 17-15 lead when trailing the entertaining South Americans and would have eased their severe embarrassment. instead became a penalty against them. Jack Rowell, the coach, should explain to Johnson that the public comes to see Guscott run, This was just one of innumera-

ble black moments for England, for whom all the emphoria and expectation generated by handsome victory over modest Italy now became no more than a mirage. England looked as much a World Cup prospect two years hence as ... well, maybe Western

Samoa. Rowell's bright team of the future looks about as promising as students who, after 20 minutes, are still reading the exam paper with not a word written.

Apart from Carling and Guscott, the centres, for whom this might even be their last match together, pius Beal at full back, who made a promising debut, and the front row of the scrum, there was hardly a player who could be guaranteed an extended international career. Gomarsall's honeymoon at scrum half, after two acclaimed tries against Italy, abruptly descended into confusion, continually run-ning into blind-side culs-de-sac. Rodber, widely spoken of two years ago, as the next England captain, was a shadow of that image in the back row, while the politest observation that can be





At Twickenham

assed concerning Catt, at standoff half, never mind that he kicked five penalty goals, is a discreet silence. His hospital pass to Carling late in the game would be ridiculed in a junior league game. So, England had a bad match, which can happen to all teams, while Argentina, delightfully flinging the ball around and looking as indelible dividing line is drawn the tall as the Dream Team in the moment you cease to be an lineouts, played the sort of rugby that reminded one of the best of fickle France. Yet, besides the need here and there to grow up. England should have learnt one funda-

are no excuses. Amateurs, not just the genuine Oxford/Cambridge amateur but the pseudo-amateur, semi-professional that England have been throughout my working life, have a kind of affinity with the public. It is accepted that their lives do not depend on the outcome. Have a stinker and you are still "one of us"

mental of professionalism: there

- but not as a pro. As a professional, you do still remain human, you are allowed to make mistakes. Southgate, Waddle and Pearce will tell you all about that in professional interna-tional football. Yet you are not allowed to be incompetent. As a professional, competence is a sine qua non. Without it, you forfeit sympathy, affection, loyalty. You become in a word, a joke "Call himself a professional?" A harsh.

moment you cease to be an amateur. Ask Archie Rice.

At Twickenham on Saturday, as the gloom and the cold settled on this poor England side, a hitherto unknown cynicism could be heard echoing around the ground. The restrained, once loyal, Home Counties voice of the Barbour brigade could be heard cheering for Argentina, who alone were giving value-for-ticket-money.

Rowell's concern will go deeper than the uncomfortable experience of one inadequate performance. Guscott and Carling may provide his platform for optimism, yet he is saddled by his own choice with a captain whose return must suffer that centre threequarter partnership. In terms of the old, imprecise cliche, "world-class player", Guscott and Carling meet that definition. Maybe Guscott is a wing, as Rowell believes, but at least for the duration of the forthcoming five nations' champ-ionship. De Glanville's return offers Rowell additional uncertainty

Scotland prosper despite patchy display

By Mark Souster

TO BE upbeat first, Scotland ended a depressing sequence of defeats and in the process exorcised the ghost of Rieti, where a Scotland team in all but name lost to Italy A n January. Quick thinking and improvisation on Saturday resulted in four well-taken tries by wings who showed keen anticipation. there was pace in midfield and ugged defence limited Italy to a dubious penalty try.

Now the bad news. It was not the

emphatic clinical victory that Scotand should have produced and needed to allay the suspicion that 1997 will be, at best, a year of consolidation. This was a patchy, strangely disjointed performance, particularly in the first half, at which time Italy, who did their aspirations to entry to a six nations' championship no harm at all scented the prospect of a big kill and deservedly led.

"It was a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde performance, "Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, said. "When we were good we were very good, but when we were bad we were not nearly so good. It has given us food for thought, but it was en-couraging to score four well-execut-

For all the talk of reinventing the Scottish game along more dynamic ines and having to do so in the heat of competition, the reality is that the basics, upon which solid foundations are built, are being neglected. Scotland repeatedly breached the gain line, but were laborious in their efforts to recycle the ball. Kicking from hand was often woeful. There was a tendency to overelaborate and too many wayward passes were thrown with reckless abandon, one, by Gregor Townsend that was intercepted by Dominguez and indirectly led to was penalised for persistent offside at a succession of scrums on the Scotland line. That levelled the

scores at 22-22 after 63 minutes. Inexperience and overanxiety perhaps prevented Italy from going on to win. The try that sealed their fate, five minutes later, stemmed from a sweeping attack, one rudely interrupted by Scott Hastings's crushing tackle on Pertile. Has-

Bernard Lapasset was re-elected as president of the French Rugby Federation after Marcel Martin, the former vice-president, withdrew, having complained about damage to the federation from "personal interests".

tings, Scotland's record cap-holder, who had an outstanding match. had the presence of mind to retrieve the ball, and kick ahead into open space along the left touchline. Craig Chaimers dribbled on and took advantage of a mistake by Diego Dominquez, whose attempt to hack the ball into touch left him on his bottom and Chalmers in the clear. Chaimers picked up, fed Smith, and he in turn sent Derek Stark, a replacement for Rowen Shepherd, to the posts.

It was unfortunate for Dominguez, whose calm authority and astute kicking - he scored 17 points from four penalty goals, a dropped goal and a conversion had kept his side in contention. Italy had done the simple things well, punched their way forward around the fringes, and the return of Giambattista Croci made a marked difference in the lineout, where Italy held their own until Orlandi, their hooker, was replaced at half-time with his country ahead 12-8.

Scotland's only try in that period was scored by Tony Stanger. Shepherd came steaming into the line after a quickly-taken penalty and his deft kick into space left Stanger and Troncon in a race for the ball, which Stanger won with a desperate dive.

Scotland enjoyed their best period in the third quarter. Logan scored the first of his two tries two minutes into the second half aided by Cronin, who popped up in the centre and whose marvellous pickup off his toes and pass to Reed enabled Logan to canter in unchallenged. Logan's second was made by Hastings's break and, having switched to full back after Shepherd's injury, he scored it with aplomb. It gave Scotland a tenpoint cushion that should have been the platform for a more substantial victory.

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Joubert points South Africa towards future to savour

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By BARNEY SPENDER

SOUTH Africa A wrapped up their 12-match tour of the British Isles on Saturday with a convincing victory over Emerging Wales in Swansca. Despite early defeats by the Scots and Irish, they went on to win their

ten remaining games. In their opening game, against Cambridge University at the start of November, they were a motley band of gifted individuals. On Saturday they were committed to one cause and, despite losing their way early in the second half and suffering a 31-7 penalty count, came through strongly in the last quarter to win with something to spare.

A number of players, such as Joost Joubert, the centre, and Rassie Erasmus, at No 8, have come through to challenge for full national honours in the near future, while the emergence of McNeil Hendricks on the wing, one of the ten coloured players brought on tour, may have the greatest long-term impact.

The South Africans had just two capped players and a side bursting with potential while the Welsh, playing under the misnomer of Emerging Wales, showed off ten internationals. However, the man of the match was undoubtedly

Joubert, the cousin of André, the South Africa full back, who dominated the midfield, his quick, powerful breaks causing havoc. In defence, his tackling never failed to knock the man down and he was ruthless in his relentless stalking of Nigel Walker on the wing.

Joubert did not get on the scoresheet himself, but, after 23 minutes, he created the first and best try of the match. Breaking from under his own posts, he bullied his way upfield before being taken down by three defenders on halfway. The ball swung left and then all the way across to the right again, where Hendricks ran through Walker. From the resulting ruck, Dawie du Toit, another player to watch out for, walked the

ball over the line. At half-time, the South Africans were leading 23-6 and heading for a cricket score, but a change in personnel, which saw Ollie le Roux give way to Robbie Kempson at prop. unbalanced them and allowed the Welsh to creep back into the match. Garan Evans and Chris Wyatt went over for tries to pull the score back to 23-20 and, on the hour, Shaun Connor levelled the scores with a penalty goal from

That was the cue for the South

Africans to find their second wind. Werner Swanepoel, a replacement for Scholtz, scored with his first touch and, although Connor kicked another penalty goal, the South Africans ran in two late tries, by Marius Goosen and Willie Meyer. Marius Goosen and Willie Meyer.

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Referee: D Chapman (England)

Park collect Pilkington Cup spoils as old friends fall out

Rosslyn Park30 Esher

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

ROSSLYN Park and Esher, who professed to be the best of old friends, finally played their Pilkington Cup fourth round tie at Roehampton yesterday. Friendliness, however, was not a term that sprung to mind, as the teams periodically engaged in bouts of fisticuffs throughout the

Perhaps events were fuelled by the pre-match build-up, during which John Inverdale, the Esher manager of rugby, publicly criti-cised Rosslyn Park for postponing the game twice, thus hindering Esher's attempt to have everyone available.

Inverdale's own well-laid plans to be at the match and also make his date with his Rugby Special television programme that evening were foiled when Park had to move the fixture forward again from the previous Sunday, because of injuries in their front row.

Wales international live yesterday, Inverdale had to be content to have commentaries of the cup-tie relaid down the phone line to him in the studio. It will not have been the happiest of phone calls for him, but at least he will not have been significantly distracted from his duties as presenter.

Rosslyn Park, of the third division, were too strong in the forwards and too lively in the backs for the London first division side. The Esher defence was stirringly resolute throughout, however, and restricted Park to two

Park had a monopoly on possession, with Gibson and Campbell-Lamerton dominating the lineout, and an early Andy Holder dropped goal was their initial reward. Penalty goals were then exchanged perween Holder and Ray Dudman. before Park finally broke down the Esher defence towards the end of

the first half. David Currie, at full back, ran a loose kick back into the Esher half and, a couple of rucks later, Dalwood was released into the heart of the Esher midfield. After a moment's thought in the face of an

striding centre, correctly decided to feed Currie on an angled run, and he was able to finish the move that he had started.

Park started to increase the tempo after the interval, with their back row growing in confidence and Holder keeping the Esher defence on the move, but Esher were to hold out until the 68th minute, when a beautifully floated mis-pass from Andy Maddock gave Paul Futter, the left wing, plenty of space to score his side's second try.

Holder had, by then, brought his penalty goal tally up to five, and a further yellow card against Park was to follow before the teams went away, presumably to reconsider their relationship.

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Hancock pursues all-round excellence

David Powell looks at the development of

a golden prospect in modern pentathlon

IT WAS probably the mos dramatic moment of the Olympic Games in Atlanta. certainly unequalled for a competitor snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Giles Hancock remembers it vividly: "The guy in first place was sprinting with a guy coming up behind, when he tripped over five metres from the end."

Hancock was watching on television at home, dreaming of the day when he may be in the position of Eduard Zenovka, the Russian who was leading the race for gold in the modern pentathion, if ever he is - the 2004 Olympics is the one that he had in mind - the lesson learnt from watching Zenovka will be there with him.

Zenovka had to settle for silver behind Alekander Parygin, from Kazakhstan, having tripped and crashed to the ground in the last of the five disciplines, the cross country run. "He fell because he was tired and not concentrating," Hancock said. This year. Hancock's concentration has been faultiess. Before 1996 he had won only one national title, but, since starting at Millfield School, he has taken five more, all in one year, an unprecedented feat.

First step to the under-19 "royal flush", which is how Millfield describes Hancock's achievement, was his victory in the national modern tetrathlon championship in January. Between then and November he added the modern pentathlon, modern triathlon, national schools' biathlon and modern biathlon titles. Dominic Mahoney, who went on to feature in the Great Britain bronze medal-winning team at the 1988 Olympics,



titles — four — but in his day there was no national schools' biathlon. It was the schools' race that

came closest to blocking Hancock's royal flush. Three titles safe, he nearly did not win the fourth, taking the schools event — "a short sprint" of 800 metres run and 50 metres swim — by only six points. That represents one second on the swim. Hancock, having swum, had to watch his challenger try to beat him, "I knew exactly what he had to do and I was getting nervous," he

Hancock was a freestyle swimmer with the Bracknell club, but, not being of the standard to compete for Berkshire, he began to branch out. "At the swimming club, somebody introduced me to biathion. I made the county team at cross country and finished about 150th in the national schools"."

The snowball effect had begun. "The biathlon people said I should take up shooting," he said. "I competed in one national biathlon before starting triathlon. I did a couple of national modern triathlons, then the triathlon



Hancock takes a break in the training programme that is focused on an Olympic gold medal in 2004

couple of national tetrathlons and did OK at that. Then somebody said I should try pentathion, so I went to my local riding school."

Riding and fencing are Hancock's weakest events, but, having come a long way in a short time, he intends to take a year off his education people said I should take up from next June to go to fencing. I tried fencing, did a Hungary for training. Fitting

14 hours' training a week with school work prevents Hancock from perfecting the disciplines, at the moment, something he acknowledges, as he does the benefits of the coaching and facilities available at Millfield.

"Hungary has the best pentathletes in the world." Hanwill have to look to sponsorship." What would a sponsor's return be? "Individual Olympic gold is my main aim. In 2004 I will be 25, prime age for pentathlon. The youngest pen-tathlete in Atlanta was 23.

Experience is the key." From a modest placing in the world youth champion-

Olympic champion? "Because of the amount I have come on since I started," he said.

He may take encourage-ment from the example of Said Aouita, of Morocco, once 37th in the world junior cross country championships and later a senior world champion. Olympic champion and a

Log on to join in as rugby spreads its net

ugby union in Great Britain has made an uncomfortable transition from amateurism to pro-fessionalism. The public battles between the clubs. players and governing bodies have exposed the disorganisation and petty jealousies within the game. At the same time the results of recent internationals suggest that compared with the all-conquering southern hemisphere triumvirate of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa the benefits of professionalism have yet to filter through to performances on the pitch.

Attention has naturally focused on the relationship between the clubs and the players and the new, substantial deals that previously unfashionable outfits such as Newcastle are offering. Professionalism, though, has inevitably touched all areas of the game and, in the race to catch up with the leading rugby nations, British rugby is beginning to recognise the importance of the off-field

In the days when training sessions took place in the bar the only role for a dedicated sports scientist — offering skills in Ericksonian hypnotherapy, neuro-linguistic programming and cognitive psychology — was as the butt of the prop forward's wise-cracks. Now, though, every club that wants to be taken seriously is desperate to recruit the physics, fitness instructors and specialist coaches that might just make the difference on the field.

For once Wales has stolen a march and recognised that specialist staff need a forum in which to advertise their wares. Ian Sutherland, a former coach at Lianelli, has set up an Internet-based jobs service, run from an office in Swansea. For a £25 annual fee, the Rugby Network will try to match up clubs with personnel, as well as offering technical and legal advice.

Sutherland chose to set up the network through the Internet because he believes that it represents the best way to reach the far corners of the rugby empire. The Web pages have even been translated into French to aid access to the



travelled widely to ensure that the service has representatives in Moscow as well as in Bath. For those rugby professionals with a sense of adventure, some of the more exotic va-cancies will provide a refreshing change from punishing fitness sessions on a freezing midwinter evening. Hunting

don RFC, which is based in California, is looking for a coach to guide its team with the biggest challenge likely to be keeping the players minds off the actresses taking part in the hit TV show, Baywatch, which is filmed on the beach next door.

f you want to further your business career while re-_ maining heavily involved in rugby, then perhaps a stint working with a company-run Japanese league club would be more to your liking. The club is offering a three-year contract and the carrot of returning to the United King-dom at the end of it to develop the company's new factory

The service has received around 15,000 inquiries so far and has found clients in all of the leading rugby-playing na-tions, but Sutherland is keen to develop the network further into a one-stop shop for rugby

He hopes to cater for supporters by providing travel services through a partner-ship with a leading travel agent Lower-level players. who are unlikely to attract the services of an agent, can also advertise their talents to clubs around the world through the network; but the altimate aim of the rugby network remains unchanged - ensuring that the less glamorous rugby professionals receive a slice of the game's new-found money.

ket, while Sutherland has ALASDAIR MURRAY

McGeechan influence in evidence as colts retain title

East Midlands Colts.....17

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TWO tries by Ben Cohen helped East Midlands to retain their hold on the Royal and Sun Alliance colts county championship at Twickenham on Saturday after a rally that did not take shape until the final quarter. It also demonstrated the ambition with approach the game.

Under-19 rugby has been the subject of much debate by the Rugby Football Union this year, but East Midlands, who included two members of the 1995 winning XV, have shown a consistency of approach from one year to the next which suggests that they are in good heart. Preparation for this season began as early as last spring and indicates that the grass roots of the game can act effectively in conjunction with the professionals.

has had a handful of outings for the first XV, and the adventure with which they played suggested that they have been watching lan McGeechan at work with the seniors at Franklin's Gardens.

Yet, leading 10-0 going into the second half, Kent must have hoped to crown their first final with success. Frith kicked a penalty goal and converted a try by Tassell, who swerved through to the posts. At that stage the East Midlands pack started Northampton, including Cohen, who looped from a tapped penalty for his Conventor: First Panelty goal: First.

first try, while his second, which effectively sewed up the match, came from a 55-metre interception after Tassell's pass failed to find its mark. Cornish was twice involved in the move which ended with Bramhall

being forced over the line by his forwards. Bramhall, who came close to an 18 Group schools cap last season, left the field on a stretcher shortly before the close after a heavy tackle, but not before he had done much to ensure victory.

NETBALL: AUTHORITIES FACE DILEMMA OVER GROWING MALE PARTICIPATION

Men move goalposts in female domain

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SHOULD netball shut its eyes and hope that wannabee male wing attacks and goal defences will somehow disappear, or should it embrace

them with open arms? Already Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean countries each boast hundreds of established male leagues, with teams competing from local level right through to international standard. Now a few male teams are appearing in Great Britain, along with many more mixed sides. Indeed, the England woman's squad has lately taken to

training against all-male op-

Boys are increasingly likely to start playing netball because local education authorities now advocate mixed sport in primary schools in the belief that there is no physical differences between children of that age that can justify separate physical education. young boys to play netball in PE lessons and then, later, in

after-school unisex clubs. A number of counties and leagues also run mixed adult events, but they tend to have differing rules which create umpiring chaos. For instance,

can play only at wing attack. centre or wing defence and can merely mark each other. Other leagues force teams to play a man in each third of the court. Such rules are often incompatible and restrict the possibility of structured interleague competition.

Accordingly, the All-Eng-land Netball Association (AENA) is taking men's participation seriously. So seriously, in fact, that it is presently considering the pros and cons of actively encouraging men's netball, has asked its network of regional development officers to offer equal assistance to

some leagues insist that men both sexes, and is liaising with can play only at wing attack. Michael Blott, the chairman of the Oxfordshire County Netball Association and a leading campaigner to make it an equal opportunity sport.

involvement would sponsorship, credibility, media coverage and, above all, standards, Certainly, in Australasia and the West Indies, women who have grown up competing with males tend to be much touger and more combative. Whether England should follow suit and produce a more aggressive brand of netball is a subject that will provoke fierce debate.

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Bradman's shadow returns to haunt Hammond in print

IT WAS Wally Hammond's mis-fortune that, at the very moment when many people were considering him to be the greatest batsman in the world, along came Don Bradman to upstage him. How strange, eerie almost, that, at the very moment when an extraordinary portrait of Ham-mond lays claim to be the best cricket book of the year, up pops a classic study of Sir Don to

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Charles Williams (aka C. C. P. Williams, who played cricket for Oxford University and Essex and Lord Williams of Elvel, a Labour life peer) chose to write a story about Australia as well as a great Australian. He wanted to put Sir Don's cricketing achievements into the context of an Australia feeling her way to-wards nationhood, to show how his genius became a focus for Australian aspirations during a critical period in the country's

"By any reasonable stan-dards," he writes in Bradman: An Australian Hero, "it was a heavy burden to lay upon any-body let alone somebody whose upbringing had ill prepared him for what was, in some respects at least, the role of a demigod."

It is a measure of how well Sir Don carried that burden that he remains, at the age of 88, one of the great Australian heroes, a cricketer about whom it can be was the greatest of them all.

The tragedy of Hammond is that nobody could ever quite say that about him, not even David Foot, the West Country journalist and writer whose fascination with the man he saw play during his schooldays gave him a lifelong compulsion to write Wally Hammond: The Reasons Why. It is an affectionate vet contro-

decent literature that it deserves.

There have been more well-written and interesting books about the game this year than for

some time, no longer just biogra-phies and instructional books but

books about courses, histories,

Curt Sampson's Hogan is the

best golfing biography for some

time. Hogan remains a figure of

great interest almost half a centu-

ry after his greatest victories. The

Sampson's book is to say that it

tells the reader a lot more about

Hogan than was known hitherto.

biographies and novels.

in Foot's words, "brought so much joy to the game yet appeared to find so little of it himself". Sir Len Hutton, no less, said that he would rather see an hour of Hammond than eight or ten of Bradman, yet the great player was to become preoccupied by a sense of failure - in his rivalry with Bradman, in his social aspirations, in his business

enterprises and in his personal relationships. The reasons given by Foot are devastating.

These books tower above most of the others on offer, but, if you really want to know about the squabbles that cloud so many issues today, there are plenty of people ready to spill the beans. Allan Lamb, the man whom the Test and County Cricket

Board could not gag, was pre-pared to give up his playing career to have his say about New Zealand to the High Court



Sir Don: greatest of all

Reeve could hardly wait to get his pads off before letting loose both barreis on Brian Lara in Winning

Ways.
Neither Lamb nor Reeve could resist a pop at the former chair-man of the England selectors, but Raymond ("I have never dodged an answer in my life and I am not going to start now illingworth is ready for them in One-Man Committee. That is not altogether surprising. The versatile Jack Bannister, his collaborator, also wrote the Lamb book.

A more tender look at one of the game's characters is provided by Free as a Bird: The Life and Times of Harold "Dickie" Bird, by David Hopps, which tells you all you want to know about the great umpire while the "anoraks" are well catered for in Benson & Hedges Cricket Year, which provides a comprehensive review of the past 12 months' cricket all around the world.

☐ Bradman: An Australian Hero, by Charles Williams (Little. Brown & Co, £20.00). ☐ Wally Hammond: The Reasons Why, by David Foot (Robson Books, £17.95).

☐ Allan Lamb: My Autobiogra-phy (Collins Willow, £15.99). ☐ Winning Ways, by Dermot Reeve with Patrick Murphy (Boxtree, £15.99).

One-Man Committee, by Ray Illingworth and Jack Bannister (Headline, £17.99). ☐ Free as a Bird: The Life and Times of Harold "Dickle" Bird, by David Hopps (Robson Books,

☐ Benson & Hedger Cricket Year, edited by David Lemmon

(Bloomsbury, £20.00). PAT GIBSON

Hill, the Formula One world champion, is also well ahead of his rivals in the sales race Hill takes pole position for his literary lap of honour

quite another and, this year, Damon Hill has managed both. A video telling the inside story of his battle with Jacques Villeneuve this season has already outsold One title and the written offering, My Championship Year, is right up there with models of Buzz Lightyear at the top of Christmas

The book, the last of a startlingsuccessful trilogy charting Hill's swaying fortunes over the past three seasons, follows a tried and trusted formula. Essentially, it is a trek through 16 races and their emotions, but somehow Hill, this time with the diligent and expert help of Tim Collings, has mastered the art of avoiding the press-release-type chronology that some of his rivals seem to

succumb to year after year. Hill always seems to be able to hold back little snippets of interest, details that did not make the papers or any of his press conferences, things that fill in the gaps, for his annuals. Perhaps it is just that they are the kind of minutiae that we would not be interested in except in some-one with his profile, but it

WOTKS. This time, for instance, there is an account of his telephone conversation with Frank Williams, the team owner, when he

A WORLD championship is one thing, but three best sellers is would not be required for 1997 would not be required for 1997 and the full story behind the negotiations that he and Michael Breen, his manager, conducted.

Hill's other weapon in the book war, though, is the pictures of Jon himself as one of the foremost sporting photographic chroniclers with an acclaimed book on a year in the life of the England rugby team, Band of Brothers, on the shelves, too.

His access to Hill, his pictures

of him on holiday with his wife, Georgie, skiing up mountains as part of his training regimen and of his friends toasting his world championship win with champagne in the Williams prefabricated hut at Suzuka, are worth

the cover price themselves. Hill's success on the track has made it hard for any of his rivals to catch up off it. Eddie Irvine, the Ferrari driver from Ulster, created a furore in Northern Ireland with some apparently innocuous situation there in his book, Green Races Red, a thoughtful, colour-ful book written with the help of Maurice Hamilton.

Adam Cooper capitalises on his long friendship with Irvine, particularly the time that they spent

researched, intelligent look at Irvine's early years and his route to the top, The Luck of the Irish.

The main rival to Hill's championship year, though, as the best motor racing book of 1996, is tone and time, a product of another era — Eoin Young's affectionate memoirs of 35 years in the sport, It Beats Working.

His best stories are the ones surrounding Jim Clark, John Surtees, Chris Amon and Denny Hulme, men whom he knew well, men who treated him as a friend. Those days are gone for ever now, but It Beats Working gets as close as anything ever will to recaptur-

ing them.
Young even got a few other journalists to buy it at its launch at the German Grand Prix last July. It must be good.

☐ My Championship Year, by Damon Hill with Tim Collings (Little Brown, £25.00). ☐ Green Races Red, by Eddie Irvine with Maurice Hamilton

(Harper Collins, £14.99). ☐ The Luck of the Irish, by Adam Cooper (Haynes Publishing,

if Beats Working, by Eoin Young (Patrick Stephens Ltd, £17.99).

OLIVER HOLT

In pursuit of trout with a master

IT HAS been a topsy-turvy year for angling and so it may be appropriate that one of my choices is not really a fishing book at all and that another. strictly speaking, is not even a

The value of Laurence Catlow's Confessions of a Shooting Fishing Man lies not in what it tells us about the in the author's exploration of his own motivations in pursuing them. Catlow's words do

not come from the Manual of Political Correctness but they are elegant, honest and mostly helpful words when the world around country activities is in a state of flux.

Second Chance, the angling charity that helps disadvantaged children, has benefited from two pieces of corporate largesse. Channel 4 has allowed it to bring out Rod and Line, Arthur Ransome's wonderful collection of fishing essays, in a dramatised video form starring the late Sir Michael Hordern. The original films were shown on Channel 4. Thanks to the publishers, Swan Hill the charity also receives the proceeds of Lessons from the Fish, an anthology of experiences contributed by public figures. A & C Black, the publishers of, among others, W. C. Stew-

art in the 19th century and G. E. M. Skues and Arthur Ransome earlier this century, are making a comeback to the absence. Among their offer-ings, just published, are John Goddard's Trout Fishing Techniques, an excellent work from a modern master.

Finally, there is Jeremy Paxman's, provocative reap-praisal of The Compleat Angler. This 20-page limited-edition essay is beautifully bound and boxed.

☐ Confessions of a Shooting Fishing Man, by Laurence £17.99).

□ Rod and Line (Second Chance, 130-136 Elm Grove, Southsea, Hampshire PO5 IBA, E20 including p & p). Lessons from the Fish

(Swan Hill, £18.95). ☐ John Goddard's Trout Fishing Techniques (A & C Black, £19,99),

☐ The Complete Barble Angler, by Roger Miller (Crowood, £19.95). ☐ In Pursuit of Big Tench, by

Len Arbery (Crowood, £19.95). ☐ Search for Big Chub, by Tony Miles (Crowood, £19.95). ☐ Going Fishing, by Negley Farson (White Lion, £17.95). □ A Fly Fisher's Life, by Charles Ritz (Robert Hale

☐ The Compleat Angler, by Jeremy Paxman (The Fly Fisher's Classic Library, Darimoor View, Mary Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9HQ, £120).

BRIAN CLARKE

until one realises that Ballesteros's game was founded on hitting into trouble and getting out of it. Since he was once one of

For thoroughness, Heartbreak Hill takes some beating as an account of the 1995 Ryder Cup at Oak Hill. Roseforte is a reporter's reporter, rarely seen without his tape recorder, who worries away at a story as a dog does at a bone, but the impressive amount of shoe leather evidently used in acquiring information is just one of this book's many attri-

Liz Kahn's The LPGA: The Unauthorized Version has been half a lifetime in the making and. as a record of the women's tour in

Hogan leads promising field

Severiano Ballesteros's Trouble-Shooting was written with Robert Green. This is a happy partnership: if there is one person who knows how to get into trouble, it is Green, who has a grip that must cause Ballesteros

to avert his eyes; and if anyone can get out of trouble, it is

best tribute that can be paid to Though David Cannon's photographs are among the best taken for an instructional book, it is dispiriting to look at dozens of pictures of Ballesteros in trouble the best in the world in both these departments, he is an ideal choice to demonstrate these talents.

Fast Greens, by Turk Pipkin, is set in Texas and centres on the settling on a golf course of a vendetta between ageing wildcats. Texas evidently produces good writers as easily as it produces good goliers.

IFTHIS year is anything to go by, the United States, could hardly be Bernard Darwin and Aberand Geoffrey Piper, is a delightful collection of Darwin's writings about Aberdovey with introductions to each.

☐ Heartbreak Hill, by Roseforte (St Martin's Press, New York). ☐ The LPGA: The Unauthorized Version, by Liz Kahn (AA Publishing, £16.99).

☐ Trouble-Shooting, by Severiano Ballesteros with Robert Green (Hodder & Stoughton, E14.99).

☐ Golf Has Never Failed Me The Lost Commentaries of Legendary Golf Architect Donald Ross (Sleeping Bear Press, 12 Chauntry Road, Bray).

☐ Fast Greens, by Turk Pipkin (Richard Cohen Books, £8.99). Bernard Darwin and Aberdovey, compiled by Peter Burles, and Geoffrey Piper (Grant Books,

☐ The Greatest of Them All: The Legend of Bobby Jones, by Martin Davis (The American Golfer Inc. 135 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830, US).

JOHN HOPKINS

Relating to the mind of a distance runner

WE ALL have our favourite quotations in sport. They can be memorable for being funny, philosophical, tragic, outrageous or inspirational. One which strips the philosophy of training for distance running as bare as it goes appeals to me. "You either ran today or you didn't." No excuses.

The cat died this morning. The wife left me. Ouch, that hangover. Come bedtime, though, you either ran today or you didn't. I do not suppose I am alone in finding myself changed for bed then being overcome by guilt at not having run that day. Off come the pyjamas, on go the trainers, and out of the door you go at close to midnight.

You either ran today or you didn't was featured in a sportswear manufacturer's poster and, for months, it was displayed in my hallway at home. Each time I returned from training I would look at it smugly, until it began to torment me. When a longstanding injury made it impossi-

ble to run. I ripped it down. Now, not having run for 18 months, i suspect I am covered by a quote from a former training partner, similarly into veteran ranks, injured, and with personal bests set a decade ago:
"The older you get, the better you used to be." Simple are the best

quotes, which is why The Quotable Runner is like training: worth the slog for the highlights.

Now available in Great Britain, the book has enough pithy quotes to make it a worthwhile gift by way of a change from a training log. Mainly, it is a book for the active athlete, because much of it relates to the mind of a runner. First and foremost it is for the distance runner.

The chapter on training is

worth leaving open next to the television, for those occasions when you may be tempted to take the evening off. "The will to win means nothing without the will to prepare." Juma Ikangaa, a former New York City Mara-

thon winner, tells. Mark Will-Weber, the author. tells us that, as a coach, he began collecting quotes to put with race results, "as a fun way to jazz up the results sheets and inspire the runners to train with

☐ The Quotable Runner, by Mark Will-Weber (available in Britain through Runner's World

DAVID POWELL

Nostalgic tribute to friends long gone but not forgotten

IT IS a fact that every one of the 59 nostalgia, yet there is enough in racecourses in Great Britain rode Chris Pitt's work to interest even out the recession as if it never happened. Companies crashed; homeowners were evicted like impostors at a private party. Racecourses, though, like debt collectors, were never more secure in their line of work.

financed. In electing whether to continue supporting each racecourse, the Horserace Betting Levy Board considers its "financial probity". None has fallen foul which is hardly surprising, for racecourses with the least ambi-

tion are the best rewarded. Racecourses are perceived as integral to spreading the joys of racing, but their facilities are regularly criticised by racegoers. In truth, few tears would be shed if the worst half-dozen were closed overnight. Also, it would spawn more works like A Long Time Gone, which portrays defunct racecourses in their most favourable light. In some cases, one suspects that reading this meticulously researched volume is infinitely more enjoyable than attending the venues was.

the youngest aficionado. Jump Jockeys Don't Cry is most

accurately judged by its cover, which depicts a wheelchairbound Sharron Murgatroyd being tenderly licked about the face by a horse. This is a moving The scenario says much about autobiographical account of an the way that British racing is amateur rider left paralysed by a amateur rider left paralysed by a fall and her struggle to make

> sense of the pieces. The text makes no concession to the accident's brutality; nor does it court sympathy. Its impact is in its simplicity: a benefit of Murgatroyd's insistence on penning it herself. Murgatroyd cried all right, but she has emerged all the better for eschewing bravura in dealing with her demons. Quite how she has retained her uplifting effervescence is beyond comprehension.

The influence of Chasers and Hurdlers 1995-96, Timeform's perennial tome, has waned with the excellent coverage of two daily racing papers. It remains a valuable reference to the season Those lamenting the passing of past, but might benefit from a facelift. Its familiar design no Lewes, Lanark and Alexandra Palace cannot fail to appreciate this book. It trades heavily on longer breeds reassurance. The

endless series of pedantic quesendemic to the text and it should be far more adventurous in what is expected of horses in the future.

Phil Smith and Simon Holt's Racing Yearbook has potential. This young annual assaults you with its battery of pictures, which leads to inevitable problems in design. A perfectly acceptable recollection in its present set-up, it would work better in a bigger format, with more selective culling and the inclusion of an index. There is a gem within it: a

jockey is depicted being thrown from his mount at the moment when Alan Shearer scored for England in their Euro 96 semifinal with Germany. Racegoers at Kempton Park. following the match, frightened the animal senseless when acclaiming Shearer's goal.

☐ A Long Time Gone, by Chris Pitt (Portway Press, £26). ☐ Jump Jockeys Don't Cry, by Sharon Murgatroyd (Romney Publications, £14.95 hardback,

£8.95 paperback). ☐ Chasers and Hurdlers 1995-96. Timeform (Portway Press, £62). Phil Smith and Simon Holt's Racing Yearbook (£19.95).

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JULIAN MUSCAT

Sobel plots course to top of the list

LONGITUDE, by Dava Sobel. 40 years of toil, political intrigue is already nestling in its rightful place at the top of the best-seller lists. Although not originally intended exclusively for a sailing readership, it nevertheless makes fascinating reading for anyone who has been to sea and pressed a button on a GPS set to get a latitude and longitude position in a matter of seconds.

Before a reliable way of calculating longitude was discovered, thousands of sailors met their deaths because their navigation skills were so limited. The search for a solution was so urgent that a £20,000 reward was set up under the Longitude Act of 1714 for anyone who could convince the authorities that they had mastered the matter.

Sobel has written an entertaining short history, describing many of the theories of cranks (one of whom supposed longi-tude could be derived from the yelps of wounded dogs) and detailing the struggle between John Harrison, the English master clock-maker, and his adversaries, who favoured the so-called "lunar distance" method. Harrison, who built the first virtually friction-free chronometer able to calculate a ship's

position to within a few miles,

finally triumphed and collected

the reward in 1773, but only after

by Jim Saltonstall, the Great Britain Olympic sailing coach.

who has substantially rewritten the text, which is informative and easy to follow. What really marks the book out are the computer-assisted colour photographs, which show the manocurres being described in a seamless sequence on the water.

and academic back-biting.

The fourth edition of anything

is not often a cause for special

attention, but one old warhorse

in the sailing library has been

given a new lease of life. This is Sailing: A Complete Course has

aiready sold more than 900,000

copies since it appeared in 1973.

In its new format, it is edited

□ Longitude, by Dava Sobel (Fourth Estate, £12).

☐ This is Sailing: A Complete Course, edited by Jim Saltonstall (Adlard Coles Nautical, £15.99). ☐ Handling Troubles Afloat, by John Mellor (Adlard Coles Nautical, £12.99).

☐ The Delivery, by Mark Chisnell (Century, £9.99).

EDWARD GORMAN

Rough Quest finds smaller obstacles blocking his return

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ROUGH QUEST, the winner of this year's Martell Grand National, will make his seasonal reappearance at Folkestone tomorrow - over hurdles. The contrast between Aintree's 4½-mile test, with obstacles such as Becher's and The Chair, and the 212-mile race at the Kent track, where the ten-year-old will face ten flights of hurdles, could hard-

ly be greater.

The omens are hardly encouraging either. On the only other occasion Rough Quest ran in a hurdle race, he failed to cover himself in glory. Having his first race in England and only the third race of his career at a Uttoxeter evening meeting on May 9 1991, the then five-year-old fell

at the fifth flight. However, Terry Casey, the trainer of the Aintree victor. was left with little alternative yesterday after frost had forced the cancellation of the meeting at Haydock on Saturday. Rough Quest had been set to take on One Man in the Tommy Whittle Chase, in preparation for the Pertemps King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

What else can we do? If he is going to run in the King George, he has got to have a race of some description under his beit. They go a good gallop in the King George and unless you have had a previous run you will soon be found out," Casev said.

"I know it is not ideal but we have no other option. I know I played down his fitness before Haydock but he is in pretty It will be a different ball game over hurdles but the main objective is to have him spot

on for Kempton. Mick Fitzgerald, who rode Rough Quest to success at Aintree. admitted: "It's a stark contrast after Aintree but I think it is one the horse will find interesting. Going from the Grand National to a hurdle race will show his versatility. I know Terry Casey is a bit concerned that it is not the ideal preparation but I can't see any problem. He's

such a clever horse." Although Rough Quest has had only one hurdle race. Fitzgerald disclosed he regularly rides him over the

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STORMY CORAL (1.10 Newcastle) Next best: Mr President (2.30 Warwick)

smaller obstacles at Casey's stable near Dorking. "It is the way Terry has always done it. Rough Quest pops over three hurdles before jumping some fences. I went down a couple of weeks ago to school him and he felt brilliant."

Gordon Richards, trainer of One Man, the 5-4 on favourite for the King George, had been tempted to give the grey a racecourse gallop at New-castle today after the loss of racing at Haydock, but thought better of it yesterday. "The horse is super fit. We will be able to give him all the good shape. I rode him out at work he needs at home. I'm Haydock and he felt on song. sure he will be Al on the day."

The Greystoke handler is planning to run The Grey Monk, runner-up in the Hennessy Gold Cup, in the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day rather than the Coral Welsh National. Addington Boy, who justified favouritism in a substandard Tripleprint Gold Cup on Saturday to earn a quote as low as 14-1 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, will be kept ticking over but will not race for a few weeks. Oliver Sherwood was relieved yesterday to find Large Action was none the worse for his exertions after winning the

Bonusprint Bula Hurdle on ground fast enough for him. The eight-year-old is likely to have one more race before the Cheltenham Festival - in either the Cleeve Hurdle or the £100,000 Tote Gold Trophy but Sherwood will not decide between the Champion Hurdle and Stayers' Hurdle until

Large Action was off most of last season with a leg injury and with frost still in the ground an hour before racing Sherwood was in two minds whether to run him. "It was a nightmare situation and a calculated gamble. Most of my colleagues thought I was absolutely mad but now and again you have to take a chance and it paid off. I don't want too many days like that

The Cheltenham executive probably shares his senti-After upbeat early builetins about the state of the track, despite overnight frost, racing went ahead. But it was



Large Action, ridden by Osborne, justifies favouritism in the Bonusprint Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday

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sue a Tote monopoly.

False. The word Utopia

might have been coined for

this ambition. Bookmakers

run legitimate businesses. As

Conservative MP Nicholas

Budgen noted last week: Who

is to pay compensation to hundreds of businesses and

their 50,000 staff if bookmak-

The outlook for racing's fi-

True. Racing's share of the

betting market will shrink

alarmingly over the next de-cade. Only with an improved

product can racing combat the threat of lotteries, num-

bers games, slot machines

and sports and spread bet-

In its present financial state,

racing cannot property sus-

True. Rather than a two-tier

system, fixtures should be funded so that racecourses

tain 59 racecourses.

ers are shut?

nances is bleak.

NEWCASTLE

Wither Or

Which an

unlikely

starter

this term

WITHER OR WHICH, the outstanding National Hunt Flat horse of last season, has suffered a training setback and is unlikely to race this term (Richard Evans writes). Willie Mullins, who trains

the five-year-old and rode him

to success in the Festival

Bumper at Cheltenham in

March, said yesterday: "He

got a knock about six weeks

ago while schooling over hur-dles. He's doing only light exercise and we will make a

races this season next month.

but I would say it is unlikely.

"Our target would have been Cheltenham but I don't

think he will have the neces-

sary preparation for it. We

Frankie Dettori was fortunate

to escape injury in a fall at Sha Tin, in Hong Kong, on Saturday. Dettor's mount,

Magic Power, clipped the heels of another runner and

came down. The racecourse

doctor ordered Dettor; to hos-

pital but, after a check up, the

have been advised to do noth-

ing strenuous with him until well into January and it is

worth giving him time to get right. Everyone is happy to

Obviously it is disappoint

ing but there has been such

bad luck with horses in Ire-

land this year with the dry

weather we have had. At least

we will have a horse next year:

Lo Stregone, trained by Tom Tate, has been removed

from William Hill's betting on

the Coral Welsh National at

Chepstow. The gelding had been quoted at 8-1. William

Hill now makes Belmont King

Racing must pursue a fixture list-which maximises: levy ahead of other priorities.

False. This is the view of the

has oversubscribed to it.

There is too much bad racing.

Not enough care is taken of

racing's principal customers. There should be far more

evening racing in summer

and far less racing on week-day afternoons, when book-

makers are the principal

beneficiaries. If bookmakers

want such fixtures, they

should contribute towards

orsemen should consider where they stand on these issues

before rounding on the BHB. They will find they are far

from united. If the BHB is to

adopt their philosophy.

horsemen must first present it

coherently. Until then, the

relationship between horse-men and the BHB will resem-

the cost of staging them.

give this year a miss.

lots of people won't."

ockey was discharged.

2.10 Singing Sand 2.45 Cettic Giant

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12.40 NEWCASTLE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF THE NORTH JUVENILE

MOVICES HUROLE (3-Y-0: £2,337: 2m) (17 numers) CS MURROLE (3-Y-O: £2,337: 2m) (17 runners)

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1 PROPY FAIR 12 (0.D.) (The Boar Partmethin) D Barber 11-8.

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1996: MEETING ARANDONED - FROST

ROSSEL hear The Rossing Brief 131 in 11-minus sweez hardle at Ayr (2m, cond) on penshimate sixt, wie SCHINGS (EWILL) Sixt better off 231 fm. JACKSON PANK hear SON OF ARSWAY (The seller off) nack to 21-numer awvice handle over course and declarace (good) with ROSSEL (3th better off) 13 ml, MOKK (TRAL (7th better off) alrout 151 6th, MEXSS STAR (7th better off) 3

1.10 NEWCASTLE TYPE BRIDGE ELLUMINATIONS HAMDICAP CHASE

Long handings: Stormy Cond 9-13, Vicenings 9-12, Blazon Down 9-8
SETTIME: 5-2 Sensity Cond, 3-1 Findings Builds, 4-1 Adings, 5-1 Earlymon Blazon Cond.

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1.40 NEWCASTLE INITIATIVE CLARRING HURDLE (£2,142. 2m) (12 runners) | Section | Sect

FORM FOCUS

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2.10 NEWCASTLE EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,453: 2m 110yd) (9 numbers)

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FORM FOCUS

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2.45 NEWCASTLE CITY OF ENERGY NOVICES CHASE (£3.518: 2m 4f) (8 numers)

BETTIMO: 9-4 Pantara Proces, 5-2 Chiec Giant, 11-4 Asian, 10-1 Callare Lake, 12-1 Pantiardon, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

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3.15 MENICASTLE STUDENT CITY HANDICAP HURDLE

SECTIONS: 3-1 Purmature. 4-1 Section Hempton. 5-1 News To Nov Look, Exemptor. 7-1 Dard Invage. 10-1 Living, Glescopic, 12-1 offices.

FORM FOCUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Prints 4 JOCKEYS
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BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 1.40 Percy Parrot Newton Abbot: 12.50 Palosanto Werwick: 1.30 King's Courtier



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BOXING DAY

So many questions, no easy answers

Owners are the most impor-

tant entity in the sport. Notice

that the most discordant are

those with the biggest invest-

ment. Where would racing be

Owners should adopt a more

vociferous stance in pressing

True, but only to a point. The

only realistic route to achiev-

ing better prize-money is

through a reduction in bet-

ting duty. The case for histori-

cal underfunding is com-

pelling; it should be further

developed through racing's

friends in Parliament. Con-

flict with the BHB will dilute

the argument at a time when

racing is better understood in

Parliament than ever before.

Because owners can reclaim

VAT on bloodstock trades,

government should be pres-

sed to acknowledge owner-

ship as a business activity.

permitting losses to be offset

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

12.50 NOT SO RED SELLING HURDLE

NEWTON ABBOT

12.50 Palosento. 1.20 MISS DISKIN (nap). 1.50 Muhtashim. 2.20 James The First. 2.50 Deano's Beeno, 3.20 Bramblehill Buck. 3.50 Defis Rose.

1 -158 PALISANTO 16 (8.G) M Pipe 6-11-12 ... A P McCay
2 912 - STAR PERFORMER 70F (6) Mrs M Routly 5-11-5. A Magalus
3 -245 STRUC-A-POSE 10 (5) B Liceotyn 6-11-0 ... Mr J. Liceotyn
4 US-BOWOST SURPHISE 229 R Bare 6-10-12 ... B Pared
5 -2364 CREDIT CONTROLLER 12 (8) J Pillot-Hoyes 7-10-12 8 Rwitin

1-5 Palecanto, 6-4 Star Performer 12-1 Smile-A-Pase, 16-1 Oradit Controller N-1 Bonden Supple

1.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TATTERSALLS

without them?

The 226th Gimerack Dinner passed convivially enough until the speakers delivered oratories as might barristers in a notorious court case. Tim Bulwer-Long, representing the racehorse owner. Waffc Said, and Lord Wakeham. chairman of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), offered vigorously opposing

views on how the sport should progress. It was as if a verdict was expected of guests unexpect-edly coerced into jury service. Instead, we drank a toast to the future of British racing. We wished it well, knowing that wishing was an impotent antidote to its ills.

In London tomorrow, the industry committee of the BHB's annual forum marks a logical starting point for debating racing's future. There will be blood-letting after the failure to secure a reduction in betting duty. However, before horsemen vent their fury, they should reflect on the wisdom of the numerous demands recently made of the BHB. Some are valid, some are not. Ten of

them are outlined below, together with a personal

Lord Wakeham should resign as BHB chairman.

False. Lord Wakeham remains racing's best hope in the policital arena. Too much hope was vested in a betting duty reduction. Not enough has been done to combat dayto-day problems.

The BHB is in need of new blood.

True. If this is the best it can do, fresh ideas are needed to shape the sport's future. Within the decision-making process, factionalism rides roughshod over the sport's best interests. The BHB has done well in its formative years but progress has not been maintained.

Racing must work with bookmakers so that approaches to government are made from a position of unity.

False. This is government's preference, but the goal is totally unrealistic. As John Brown, of William Hill, admitted last week, the distri-





Racing Commentary

bound to be hotly contested. It was suggested a lack of harmony compromised the case for a cut in betting duty. Similarly contrasting arguments did not prevent a reduction 12 months ago.

Owners are shabbily rewarded for their investment.

against income tax.

bution of tax reductions are True. To denounce owners as

False. The most likely out-come would see the VAT concession withdrawn.

ble Dati's depiction of the Spanish Civil War: the twoare rewarded according to headed monster reducing ittious racecourses and leave self to the state of a bleeding

the standard of their racing. This will encourage ambi-

2.20 WEATHERBYS 1997 DHARY HANDICAP CHASE (E3,424: 2m 110yd) (4)

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4 A4-P STAR OF 17ALY 10 (D.5) C Morbeck 9-10-4 L Havey 5-4 Alto George, 2-1 Janus The First. Au El Ant. 20-1 Shir Ol Baly.

1 -SEZ JAMES THE REST 27 (B.CD.BF.F.B.S) P Motods 8-11-11

2.50 TOM HOLT AND REALITY HOVICES HURDLE

3.20 POT BLACK CHILDCRAFT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,886: 2m 5(110yd) (8) 1 -521 BRANGLEGILL BUCK 13 (B.CD.S) P Richalls 7-12-0

2-1 Bc (If A Touch, 3-1 Branchish Buck, 9-2 Swingupe, 5-1 Julianian, Sydnol 8-1 Titan Brayness, 20-1 Guider Opal, County Vinger,

MELAND MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,996: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1.50 LES SEWARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 11) (7)

7-4 Frigurally House, 7-2 Hulfu Viscy Dell. 9-2 Tall Took Figur, 6-1 Makkastara, 8-1 Dady Sport Gel (Chile Hogists: 33-1 Outers; Cusale. COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.50 BULPIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Amaleurs: \$2,306; 2m 6f) (14) 1 P/2- TEXAN BARY 385 (CO.5) N Testing Davies 7-11-12

WARWICK

12.30 Albaha. 1.00 Severn Gale. 1.30 Gysart. 2.00 Lord McMurrough. 2.30 Mr President. 3.00 Bridge Delight. 3.30 Lets Be Frank. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 PRIDEWOOD PICKER.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 12.30 HAMPTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

(£3,036: 2m) (22 runners) 5-1 Thome Arena, Jaminy Jenny, Crown And Custoon, Lady Magnum 8-1 others

1.00 GOG BROOK HANDICAP HURDLE

(2,700. 291) [3]

1 5-21 SANTI CIEL 28 (D.G.S) F Jordan 8-12-0 ... L Aspoil (3) 90

2 3P SANAH 12 (CDFS) Mrs J Cord 7-12-0 ... T Kent ...

3 10-0 EURO SANGERI 5 (D.S) P Webber 4-11-2 ... J Aspoil (3) 90

4 3121 SEPERI GALE 11 (D.G.S.) J AMED 6-11-0 ... J Aspoil (7) 90

5 0551 PRIOEWOOD PICKER 7 (D.F) R Price 2-10-5... D Kavenegh (5) 68 6-4 Severn Gale, 2-1 Sant Cles 100-30 Pridewood Picker 13-2 Euro Stager 8-1

1.30 BUDBROOKE NOVICES CHASE

4-9 Gyzart, 5-2 Ramslown Lad, 16-1 King's Courter 50-1 The Marmalade Cal

2.00 ETTINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE

9-4 Rhalich 3-1 Resignescope 7-2 Lord McManaugh, 9-2 Domappel, 5-1 others

2.30 stoneleigh handicap chase

1 33°9 ANDRELOT 17 (B.CD.F.G) ° Bower 9-11-10 . H. Johnson 95
2 1442 BALLY PARSON 16 (D.F.G) R Drokes 10-11-7 R Willeamson 95
3 1442 LARZ OR LOUISHREA 16 (D.F.G) Belley 6-10-13 . C O'Dywer 95
4 3-22 MR PRESIDENT 16 (D.F.G.S) C Brooks 7-10-11 . B Brackey 95
5 65-5 MICKLE JOE 16 (CD.F.G.S) M Tale 10-10-11 . W Measten 87
6 232 REX 10 THE RESCUE 11 9 Above 10-10-9 . Br T Thompton (5) 93
7 2124 CRAFTY CHAPLAN 16 (D.F.G. D McCare 10-10-6 . D Weish (3) 96 7-2 M President 4-1 Barly Parson, Late Of Loughres, 5-7 Ambelot, Res To The Rescue 8-1 Costly Chaptain 10-1 Nacile Joe

3.00 HOECHST ROUSSEL PANACUR EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HUROLE (Qualifier £3,252, 2m 4l 110yd) (10) HURDLE (Cualifier 13,25/2, 2m 41 T10yd) (1U)

1 0015 R0SEMALL 25 (C.F.) Mas T PRINGED 5-11-3 G Hogan (3) 87

2 94 BRIDGE DELETH 32 M Widerston 7-10-10 D C O'Connor (7) 98

3 SPP BRIEFY GALE 20 T Forstor 6-10-10 ... S Wymne 4

244- DTS LAST 225 M Pine 6-10-10 ... S Wymne 5

5 04-P JOY FOR LIFE 23 R Stronge 5-10-10 ... D Watch (3) 92

5 03-P KOMPERTA OUEDN 14 D Steneoud 5-10-10 ... J Disborne 7

32-0 MAYLIN MARCI 32 T Cases 5-10-10 ... M A Fitzgerahl 94

8 24-P MERU'S GEM 23 G Laboon 5-10-10 ... W McFarland 94

9 -0-D SPECIAL TOPIC 37 A Jone 5-10-10 ... S Certat 10

9 0-D SPECIAL TOPIC 37 A Jone 5-10-10 ... N McFarland 91

3-1 Bridge Delight, 7-2 Di's Last, 5-1 Rosehali Mayito Magic, 6-1 others HURDLE (\$2,999: 2m 3l) (14)

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS: T Jegis, 8 from 35, 22.9%, C Lieuwilyn, 7 from 35, 20.0%, N Williamson, 11 kom 57, 19.3%, J Osborne, 13 from 69, 18.8%.

1.1 The Contain's Witch 1 ets Ru Frank, 8-1 Empire Rule, Smoot Lord, 9-1 offices

TRANSPS' D Nicholson, 7 versets from 18 natures, 35 9%, P Hobbs. 44 from 149, 295%, J Old. 8 from 26, 25 6%, P Hisbells, 33 from 134, 266%, A NewCounte, 9 from 36, 25 6%, P Hisbells, 33 from ADCREYS: G Torriov, 5 winners from 19 miles, 26 39; A P MicCoy, 27 from 113, 23 9%, D Bridge, aler 26 from 119, 21 8%, A Thornton, 13 from 63, 20 6%; B Fertina, 4 from 22, 18 2%.

A 29 PERINTALDUR PRINCE 700 (CD.S) R Front 7-10-12

5 PP-6 TOP JANNUM 19 (C.S) In Hamin 9-10-9 ... G Shimbin (7)

6 -3-1 ONTS PORCE 9 (S) M Shappard 6-10-8 ... R Walday (7)

7 RT-0 STS PORCE 9 (S) M Shappard 6-10-8 ... R Walday (7)

8 PF-5 SHOUS CHEARY 19 (S) J ORD 6-10-6 ... IN Brackey (7)

9 OR-P MAJOR ROYA 14 (C.S) M Smain 7-16-6 ... M Brackey (7)

10 -P2 HELLO MC MANN 13 (S) 8 Develops 8-10-8 Mins E J Jones (7)

11 G-4-0 ROWTANEROUSE 10 (S) 6 Balding 6-10-0 ... E Babington (7)

12 J-22 MINST DECORATED 2007 (E.S) Mins A Mantan-Smith 11-10-0

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SHEPHERD'S FREENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Olio Wise-oniars 7 Beardman and Eccles 16 Poyton 10 Heaton Mersey 15 Cheade 13 Shed-port 8. Moormorpe 12 Timparley 12 Cheade Hume 6 Humeians 7 WOMEN'S SOUTHERN LEAGUE Mortis 9 Harverden 5, Pendley 10 Berschire Womeians 0 Centaurs 9 Pumey 5

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ALTENBERG, Germany: World Cup event: Men: 1. M. Prock (Austria) Time 48 476 see 2. J. Müller (Ger): 1.48 586; 3. G. Glerscher (Austria): 1.26 594; 4. A. Demichanio (Flusc): 1.46 684; 5. G. Hach) (Ger): 1.48 318; 1. Arock 102 pt. 2. A. Zeeggeler (N. 18. 2. Demichanio (Succeeding Mit. 18. 2. Demichanio (Succeeding Mit. 18. 2. Demichanio (Succeeding Mit. 19. 2. Tagworker (Austria): 1.27 403; Leeding Mitardings (Alter three events): 1. Kraushaar (Ozots, 2. Tagworker 90; 3. A. Neuner (Austria): 88.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE. Premier division: Beverley 38 Wigan St Patinck's 12: Egremont 15 Sackleworth 6; Heworth 19 Ducky Hdl 25 Lock Larte 14 Woolston 17 Olcham St Anne's 14 Leich Miners 5 First division. Askam 6 Outlon 18. Barrow Island 31 Wigan St Jude s 10: East Leeds 20 Milliom 16, Eastmoor 10 Weilney Central 16, Lergin East 34 Moldgreen 18: Thornthal 42 Blackbroot. 24 Second division: Featherstone Amaleur 10 York Acom 18: New Eartsch 22 Rechit 20 Normanton 25 Deviabury Moor 14: Ovenden 22 Shaw Cross 6

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SNOOKER

OSNABRUCK, German Open: Quarter-finats: R.O'Sullivan (Eng) bt S.Hondry (Scc), 5-2 N. Bond (Eng) bt M. Devis (Eng) 5-2. Sems-finals: A Robidour (Can) bt J.Fragers (Sco), 6-4, O'Sullivan teads 6-1, Final, O'Sullivan leads, Robidour 5-3.

SWIMMING

TABLE TENNIS

TUNLINI, China: World Grand Fire Insec. Men's singles: Quarter-finals. V Ploya (Rom) bi Ne Xiong (Chras) 15-21, 21-14, 21-17 21-10, V Samonsov (Belas bi J Wang (Car) 21-16, 21-15, 21-13; J Rossi out (Ger, b) C Presn (Eng) 16-21, 21-15, 21-13, 21-17, Kong Lingnus (Chras) bi V Schagor (Austres) 21-17, 21-5, 21-10

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM: LTA Residek Tour: Mexi-Sarpi-finals: J Fox (Uncoinshing) of D Sasskord (Surrey) 7-5, 6-4; P Robinson (Northamptonshine) of N Weal (Hampshine) 6-1, 7-5 Final: Robinson of Fox 6-1, 6-2, Women: Sarmi-finals: N Egorova (Russ) for J Lutrova (Russ) 6-1, 6-4, J Wood (Middlesex) bi I, Woodroffe (Surrey) 5-0 rel Final: Wood bi Egorova 6-1 rel.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEASUR: Man's liver diversion: Sporisel Whitefield 3 Waswick Righ 2 (6-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-13), Policine Ealing 0 Cooling Augule 3 (13-15, 11-15, 5-15), Chy of Stoke D Malory Lewishern 3 (13-15, 9-15, 14-16); Wessen 1 Leads 3 (7-15, 13-15, 15-5, 14-16)

One-day international India v South Africa BONGAY (India won mas): India bear South

Taminison Liverpool: Merc M Chamwood. MERSEYSIDE for Liverpool: Merc M McLoughtin (Liverpool Pembrole and Selton) 37min 355so Team: Liverpool Women: J College (Liverpool) 21:51

INDIA A Kumble, th R Mongas and B K V Presad did not bet. .. 287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-150, 3-188, 4-202, 5-230, 5-249

BOWLING: De William 5-0-24-0; McAlliam 5-0-33-0; Cronje 6-0-36-0; Symbol 10-1-51-1; Boya 10-1-53-1; Crookes 6-0-38-1; Adams 7-0-50-2. SOUTH AFRICA

BOWLING. Smath 10-140-2; Prasad 8-1-27-4; Joshi 7-0-25-1; Singh 6-0-29-1; kumble 9-1-34-1; Raman 6-1-25-0

Man of the march: S R Tendulker Umperes: Subroto Porel and K.Pari (India). World Series

Australia v Pakistan ADELAIDE (Pakistari won toes): Pekistari boss Australia by 12 runs

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Total (47.5 overs) 211
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-79, 3-81, 4-81, 5-174, 6-192, 7-194, 8-195, 9-211 SOWLING: Washin Akram 10-1-44-1; Washir Young 8-1-33-1; Sepain Mustain 8.5-0-29-5; Mushtain Ahmed 9-0-43-0; Shahid Ahidi 10-0-49-3; Aemir Soheil 2-0-8-0. Men of the metch' Secteln Musheig. Umpires: R A Emerson and D J Harper.

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region) 7-15, 15-7, 15-2. Cotta: Second round: E Cardett (Elon) bt. J. Aylwin (Cittor) 15-0, 15-0; M. Sacock (Radlay) bt. J. Whitbourne (Charlemhous) 15-8, 15-3; T. Hamson (Chetenhem) bt. M. Griffith-Jones (Weington) 15-1, 15-5. Junior Cotta: Second round: O Creven (Harrow) bt. E. Shean Halfeybury) 15-0, 15-1; T. Vickers (Windessey bt. T. Gravese, Purply) 15-8, 15-3; J. Seebrook (Elon) bt. A. Granitand (Radlay) 15-8, 10-15, 15-8; S. Uph (Tonbridge) bt. J. Harrow bt. R. Tultey (Melwarr) 15-8, 15-2; C. Block (Cittor) bt. R. Tultey (Melwarr) 15-8, 15-2; C.

HHURING

Jon Brown, of Great Britain, sets the pace in the European cross-country championships in Charleroi, Belgium yesterday. He won the men's race in 32min 37sec. Photograph: Yves Herman. Report, page 25

SCHOOLS SPORT

RUGBY UNION Bediord Modern 31 RGS High Wycombia 5: Bristol GS 46 King Edward's, Bish 12-Duketch 17 Ampeleorth 18-Marchern Tey-lors', Northwood 7 Berkhamsted 55; Pors-mouth GE 13 Chichester HS B: Shesbornt 24 Yirang GB, Sydney 19 FOOTBALL FA Premier Langue Under-19 Trophy: Merseyside 4 Cheshire 3 FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Dorset 3 Beik-

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1,00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Dancing Paddy (A Dobbin, 15-8), 2, Könnet (10-11 tav), 3, Sound Reveille (9-2), 3 ran, NF: Lord Donet 394, 281 k. Canninghern-Brown Tote: £2 40 DF: £1 30. CSF: £3.82 1.35 (3m 110)d hole 1, Term Bridge (J Mages, 10-1); 2, Southern Nights (9-2); 3, Carole's Crusader (6-4 tar), 9 ran, 8, 4, C Menn Tota (9.50; 12 90, 51 80, 51.20 DF-525 10, Trio: £9.20 C8F £49 00.

2.05 (2m 1f hole) 1, Large Action (J Osborne, 5-4 tev), 2, Brnsey (6-1), 3, Thasbeworld (11-2) 7 ran NR Morstock, NJ, 144, 0 Snewsood Tote 52.20; \$1.60, \$2.50. DF: \$25.10 CSF \$7.67. 2.40 (2m Si ch) 1. Addington Boy (A Dobbn, 7-4 tay), 2. Go Universal (12-1); 3, Northern Hide (33-1), 10 rain 81, 134 G Richards Total (2-90; 61.70, 62.50, 64.90 DF: 613.90, Trio, 6208.40 CSF (522.10, Tricast) 6486.16

3.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Imperial Vintage (N Wittemson, 8-11 lev); 2, General Pongo (8-5), 2 ran 4l Misa V Williams Tole 21.50 3.45 (2m 4) hotel 1. Karshi (J Osborre, 11-8 lav); 2. Mandys Manhano (7-2); 3. Serenity Prayer (3-1), 4 ren 4/, 14/ Miles H Knight Toler 62 10 DF 52.40, CSF 55 77, Placapot: £47.90. Quadpot: £7.00.

LINGFIELD PARK

Going: good to soft 12.10 (2m 110yd hdis) 1, Ambieside (A Magure, 8-1); 2, Kadasmo' (8-1); 3, Potentate (4-7 lav) 6 ran, 1 %], shind Mins S Williams Tote 55.10, £1.30, £2.00 DF £16.70, CSF-£57.66 2.40 (2m 41 110/d ch) 1, Nelyaari (T J Marpty, 6-1); 2. Five To Saven (Evens tav); 3, Danger Beby (9-1) 11 ran NR Sentorius 334, 26 P Rich Tote: 55.70, 51 40, 51 40, 52.80 DF 57.20 Tito: \$12.90 CSF: \$12.38 Thoust: \$53.61

Tricest: ES3.61
1.10 (2m 110yd hole) 1. Serenue (J Fl. Kavanagh, 5-2); 2. Carcus Star (100-30); 3. SaBy's Twins (80-1) Mr W60 2-1 Ner (1); 9 ran NR: A Chef Too Fat. 3. 81 N Henderson Tote: E3.90, C1.50, E1.10, E5.40 DF: E3.20 Tho ES7.00 CSF £121 1.40 (2m oh); 1, Foodbroker Star (fl. Aspall, 33-1); 2. Stay Lucky (8-1), 3. The Last Fring (7-1) 11 mai 1-94. 134 J Gafford Tote: E33.60; C3.50, E2.30, E2.30 DF: E151.10 Trice E164.30 CSF £252.15 2.10 (3m ch) 1 Sounds Strong (A Magure, 15-8 lav), 2, Fellow Countrymen (4-1), 3, Have 7o Think (8-1) 8 ren 1141, 187 Octobson Totar 12.70 61.40, 62.20, 51.30, DF 511 10 CSF 510.54 Tripast 546.29

2.45 (2m. 3f 110yd hafe;); The Proma (C Llewellyn, 14-1); 2. Marching Marqués (74 lay); 3. Cran Hril (8-1); 18 ran, 191, 4 N Twistion-Davies Toke; \$15.00; \$2.50, £1.90, £2.60, DF £43.40, Tho £82.70, CSF £40.99

E40.99
3.20 (2m 3t 110yd hdie) 1, Rockellife Lad (C Linwellyn, 3-1), 2, Stoney Yalley (7-2) 3, More Desh Thancesh (9-4) Tickerty's Gift 2-1 law 4 ram NR Never Traggitten Seasonal Sptendour 101, 44 N Twraton-Devices Tota: E5.20, E3.40 DF, £4.50 CSF; £11.88

DONCASTER

Going: good to firm, good in places 12.15 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1. Art Prince (M Berry, 11-8 lav); 2, Cadeva Star (9-2), 3, Donatre De Pron (33-1), 9 ran. Dist, 41 C Brooks Toler (2-30; Ct 50, Ct 14), 05 40 DF 64 70 Trio; 6112.80 CSF, 67 52 18.45 (2m 110yd holle) 1. Sea Victor (R Massey, 9-1); 2. Iornio (4-1), 3. Teletheth (7-1) Endowment 7-4 few 12 ran, Hd, 4l J.L. Harra, Tole CB 40, 12.50, 61-70, 61-90, DF C17 00 Tro. 025 00, CSF, D47 98. 1.80 (2m 4l holis) 1. Blaza Avesy (Mr A Balcing, 4-7 (se), 2. Monocasman (7-1), 3. Dawn Misach (7-1) 4 ran 171, 3-1 i Balcing Tota: £1 60. DF. £2.90. CSF £4 43

1.50 (Jim 2) ch) ?, Musthaveseng (Mr R Thornson, 4-1); 2; Father Sky (9-1), 3, Scott-on Bartis (4-9) av) 4 ren 1°s., clist D Nich-plaon, Tone (25.50 DF: £11.30 CSF: £23.91 2.25 (2m 110yd holle) 1, New Inn (K Gaule, 9-11, 2, Deserf Fighter (9-1), 3, Epidos (2-1) Tom Biocle 5-4 fav. 6 mm, Nf. 3 S Goltings Tote: £6 70, £2.70, £2.50, DF: £19 40, £5F £70.30.

g. 70.20. 3,00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Golden Hefio (R Garrty, 9-2); 2, Feght Lieutenani (9-4), 3, Weehaby (25-1) Country Stat 8-11 fav (ur), 4 ran 12, dist 1 Easserby Tote £4.30 DF £3.70, CSF, £13.55 23.0 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, king Of Camelot (R Massey, 3-1 p.law). 2, Shebang (3-1 p.law); 3, Bold Action (8-1). 12 am. 21, rk. D Nicholson Tote, C3-90, E2,30, E1-80, E1-90 DF 03-30 Trio E7-10 CSF, E13-78 Placepot: £654,00. Ouedpot: £170,20.

WOLVERHAMPTON Going: standard 7.00 (1m 100yd) 1, No More Pressure (J Stack, 33-1); 2, Enisted (8-1), 3, Supertielle (8-4 los), 12 ran NF Poffey Sonney Hd, 2-91 N Walker Tote £30,30; £8-40, £2-80, £3-40 DF: £1-40 90 Tno £58 00 £3F £257 87

1237 67 7,90 (71) 1, Just Loui (7 Sprake, 9-1), 2, Foot Battelon (16-1), 3, Normore Mr. Niceguy 110-1) Arapa 4-5 lav. 6 ran, Nik, 1 vi W G M Turnet Tote, 55 80, 53 20, 54,10, OF 547 70 CSF, 594,64 187/0 CSF. 1984/04 8.00 (6) 1, Mr Fronty (5 Sanders, 6-1 (i-lav), 2. Desert invader (12-1); 3. Crosely Creppy 18-11 Castiernas Lad 6-1 (i-lav 11 ara, 1 i-l 13-1, W. Janes 70to (2700, 6270, 6500, 6280 0 F 6250 Thou (14000 CSF, 670.42 Troast 6770.70 E70.42 Incass E77.1.70
B.30 (Inn 17.9yd) 1, South Eastern Fred (J. Dutrn, 6-1), 2. North Reef (B-1); 3. High Premium (5-1), 4-lay 18 entraco 5-1, 4-lay 12 ran NR: Le Sport 244 31 H Collegation 17th: 25.20 (1.9), 53.30 (2.80, DF £28.00 The £37.10 CSF £48.65 Fncast £231.85 B.D0 (m 6) 165yd) 1, Petoskin (M Wgham, 4-6 lav): 2, Mapengo (33-1): 3, Salf Hero (12-1), 9 ran 181, 51, J Pearce Tote, 21 70, 21 80, C580, C340 DF 103 10 Tro C7640, CSF 221 16

2.30 (1m 4f) 1 Mr Speculator (J Quent, 11-11, 2, Martid (9-2 j-lav) 3 Mad Militard (9-2 j-lav) 12 ran 'st, rs. J Banks Tot. E14,50, 23.30, £160, £210 DF £63.20 Ino £65 10 CSF £56 61 Tucasr £235.24 Placepot £356.40. Cusadpot £18 80. ☐ The meeting at Haydock Park was called off because of frost.

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Time trial CHESTERFIELD SPIRE RC (Ranby, North Notinghamshire 10 miles), 1, A Horner (VC Carneloti) 21 min 24 sec. 2, 1 Cooke (JE James RT) 21 28, 3, H Walker (GS Metro) 5126

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NATIONAL TROPHY (third round, Beunstone Park Lecoster, 16.5 miles) 1, 8 Carke (Team Raleigh) thir Time 27sec, 2, 9 Stevenson (Middindge CRT) at 43sec; 3, J Taylor (Sant-Gapsini) at 135, 4, 5 Krughr (Hatesowen C and AC) at 200; 5, J Nortolk (Edmano Cc) at 220; 6, 5 Blunt (Acs RT) same time. Overall: 1, 8 Clarke 118ghts; 2, 5 Blunt 110; 3, C Sturgeon (Team Orange) and J Nortolk 102 Swansea CC (Morta Stadium, 12 miles) 1, J Reas (Rhondda Valley CC) 50mm (02sec; 2, G Sheidon Swansea CC) at 22sec; 3, M Hughes-Dowdle (MC Phoenia) at 1:01 Gernsborough Angir CC (Gainsborough

Lincolnshire 12 miles; 1, R Bradbury (Norton Wheelers) 57:25; 2, M Holland (Steetord Wheelers) 87:25; 2, M Holland (Steetord Wheelers) 81:200; 3 D Bell NC Lincoln) at 2:02 Severen RC (Downerd, Bristol, 11 miles) 1, M James (Coventry Olympic) 53:16; 2, J Richardson (Sport Coaching) at 5:33; 3 D Eggbes (Brastol MBC) at one lap Derby Mercury RC (Nots and Derbyt Leegue, Sinfer Moor Paris, 11 miles) 1, D Belez (Team GT) 48min 12sec; 2 T Gould from Schwinn) at 1:47; 3, J Taylor (Gant-Gnosthi) at 2:05 Diss and District CC (Redgrave, Suffok, 13 miles) 1, M Fancev (Rennard Cub, Nowich) 54mn 04sec; 2, I Newby (Diss and District CC) at 3:00c; 3, R Parlans (Rennard Cub) at 6:sec

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SPORT RM

Julia Gregson on the patience and commitment needed to learn the art and the discipline of dressage

Turning equine **Escorts** into highly responsive **Ferraris**

so I'm learning to lisunderstand when she's tired or bolshie. Sometimes when I don't ask for much, she gives a lot more."

What's this then? A breakthrough moment at Relate? An encounter group? No, actually it's a 12-year-old learning the magical intricacies of horse training at a regional training session organised by the British Young Rider's Dressage Scheme (Byrds for short). The training sessions, open to anyone under 21 and costing £10 a day, are part of some exciting new initiatives organised by the dressage group to talent spot for future British team members, and also to introduce any child who is interest-ed in the fastest growing branch of equine activity. Our two-day course was

held at Claypitts Farm, in Gloucestershire. The teacher was Annabel Scrimgeour, who has trained Olympic riders, three-day event riders such as Mark Todd and Lucinda Murray.

The pupil was my 12-yearold daughter, Poppy, encouraged to talk about her own mysterious, magical and growing relationship with her (Ellie to her friends), a Welsh cross thoroughbred. All riders like to pretend that their mounts were unrideable brumbies before they tarned them, but our Ellie was once a genuine bovver girl — lasting only a week in one home because she refused to have bridle or saddle put on, and returned from another because she was too lively.

When Poppy met Ellie both were addicted to high speed and bombing across country and both were prescribed more dressage, more flat



work. Poppy thought dressage was mostly dullsville - trotting round in dutiful circles; but two gifted teachers (Tony Clarke, an ex-mounted policeman, and the Olympic team rider Jane Bredin) plus the Byrds scheme with its emphasis on excellence have since fired her imagination.

Dressage is both an art and a discipline — at its best it produces what look like lyrically happy marriages be-tween horse and rider. The horse working with a kind of willing gaiety, the rider listen-ing and attentive and soft with

chieving this blissful state takes hours and of a series of graduated steps where horse and rider work on balance, collection, suppleness, impulsion. All competitive horses have to have these building blocks in place. Done well, dressage can turn the humblest equine Ford Escort into a fabulously responsive Ferrari. (Jane Bredin turned her first £670 pony, brought from a market, into a pony club champion.) Taught badly

two countries that excel in the discipline, children are taught

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from the moment they can sit on a horse to understand the immense subtleties and satisfactions of this training. (At some schools, for instance, children are allowed to school their horses rather than play hockey.) Dressage has much to teach children about poise and posture, respect, discipline and patience. Lose your temper with a horse, they are

to put things right. At a recent open day for the hours of hard work. best trainers in the world came together to pass on their energy and commitment. One of the first demonstrations was from Jenni Loriston-Clarke, who has represented Britain in dressage many times. With a young rider on one of her horses she showed how the best riders tune themselves to the horse's movements. The most important thing is to feel the moveit can bore your bottom off. ment of the horse to be loose in in Germany and Holland. the waist (the movement is a little like using a hoola hoop).

Bareback riding, she said, helps this balancing, and she still spends weeks training without stirrups. EXCLUSIVE OFFER THE ASSETIMES The dashing young rider Daniel Sherriff, who 2 week before had taken a regional Save £2 on China training course, gave a fine demonstration of riding on his

showoff stallion, under the rigorous eye of his own trainer, David Hunt. Daniel, one of the rising stars of British dressage, hopes to make the Olympics in 2000, as do many of the young riders watching him. Everybody comes with their dreams but no one could have left this day in any doubt about the hours of work and patience it takes to train a good horse. And pots of money? Well yes

told over and over again, and

it may brood for weeks and

sometimes forever. We've been

slow in the UK to get high-level training to children but

the dressage group, helped by sponsorship from Spillers horse feeds and Sheepgate

nurseries, are now determined

One of the problems dressage suffers from is that when young riders sit on their from some of the top per muscled, gleaming mounts that you will have forever."



Kate Elliott, left, a skilled young pony rider, is the daughter of a Grimsby fisherman

white stocks, beautifully cut jackets and gleaming leather boots, they all look as though Daddy is a millionaire. In fact. even the briefest of looks at, say, last year's British pony team shows how broadly based the sport has become Kate Elliott, a superbly skilled young pony rider, is the daughter of a Grimsby fisherman and a mother who works at Marks & Spencer.

im Heappey, is a doctor's son whose mother admits they put in a new arena before they could afford a stove. Sarah Millis is a hardworking teenager whose life is dedicated to training her ponies; and last year's "individual" rider at the European Championships, Charlotte Edmonds, daughter of Noel Edmonds, has had to fight for her place in this competitive world like everybody else.

"Although it's thrilling to represent your country," says Jane Kidd, the Byrds chairman, "we think it's important not to get too fixated on being in teams, but to see that what you are getting is a training from some of the top people



CHANGING TIMES Tracey Parker grooms the horses at the Grimsby stables

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Under the Byrds scheme youngsters are seen by experts such as Ian Woodhead, who coaches the British pony team; he and his wife Tracey run their stables near Grimsby

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT When the opponents bid a slam and you have KJ652 of their trump sult, you normally expect to make an entry on the "We side of the scoresheet. I tailed to do so on this TGR hand.

Rubber bridge Dealer South #A974 **▼10983** +J1083 TAG74 **#AKQ** 4 A 10 2 Final contract: Six Hearts by Scuti

point light and admitted to a four-card heart suit over Stayman, North propelled him into Six Hearts. The declarer won the club lead in dummy, and continued by running the ten of hearts.

After South opened 2NT a

West discarding a spade. Receiving the bad news, declarer then led a club towards his ace. i was East. How should I I had a feeling that, if I ruffed the club, I might be

ruffing a loser. In practice that does not matter, as declarer could never both draw trumps and make use of dummy's fourth club. However, had I ruffed, he could still have succeeded by throwing away the ace of clubs. He can then arrange to draw trumps, using the ace of spades and a diamond ruff as entry, and subsequently squeeze West in So, not ruffing was correct, but my diamond discard was

of clubs, took two spade tricks by way of the finesse, and then discarded two of dummy's spades on his high diamonds.

That left him with #3 YAQ7 +-#10, and dummy with 4-Y983+-#K7:

When he ruffed the spade with a high heart, whatever I did allowed declarer to make four of the last five tricks.

Discarding a spade on the second round of clubs was correct. Then I can ruff the second round of spades and the declarer cannot pick up my remaining trumps. His only entry to dummy is a diamond ruff; when he plays trumps I come to a second trump trick.

Robert Sheehan writes on

Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING ---By Philip Howard

TABARD

QUISQUOUS

 a. Whomsoever b. The Kiwi fruit c. Perplexing

WEDBEDRIP a. A day's harvest ALPHAMERIC a. Geometric algebra b. Letters and numbers

a. A maic b. A weekend poet c. A boar-hound

c. Here today, gone tomorrow

Answers on page 41

GETTING STARTED

How the Byrds scheme works: First are Talent Spotting Days. In the morning group lessons are held. In the afternoon two riders go through to the finals. Remember that it is the standard of the rider that is being assessed not the pony. There is a separate scheme for Juniors (riders above 14) and Young riders, where the standard at talent spotting is Preliminary and above.

The next step up the ladder is on a Regional Training Course where the standard is Novice and above (all dressage tests are graded from Preliminary to Novice, Medium and above). The next step is Squad Training. To be eligible, you must be recommended from regional training or have good competition results. At the top is Team Training. To be eligible you have to have taken part in squad trials throughout the year.

Lessons: Groups (from £10 an hour) and private (£35) Equipment: A black or navy coat (from £40.00 new or from EIS in the thriving market in secondhand clothes); cream or white breeches (£20 upwards); a white shirt and stock; a BHS-approved riding bat (£30); leather boots (new from £150, secondhand from £50); white or navy gloves. General inquiries on junior dressage to Karen Ryder (British Horse Society) 01203 696697.



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hot pursuit

The elite tournament in Las Palmas is producing a level field, with no players able to break away seriously from the pack. By and large, caution appears to be the order of the day and the only player who has displayed overthy aggressive tendencies throughout -Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster - has been punished by two defeats with the white pieces. He languishes in bottom place. In the fourth round

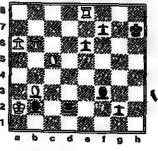
Kasparov was unable to overcome the resistance of Viswanathan Anand, his challenger in the world championship match last year, while Karpov and Kramnik were both content to draw their fourth consecutive game. The main excitement was provided by Ivanchuk's win against Topalov.

White: Veselin Topalov Black: Vassily Ivanchuk Las Palmas, December 1996

Caro-Kann Defence d4 Nd2 Oxe4 Nd7 Noc4 Ng5 Bd3 N13

30 31

Diagram of final position



Times book

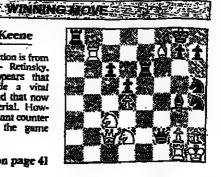
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on thess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Sharpov — Retinsky. Ukraine, 1995. It appears that White has just made a viral breakthrough on 17 and that now Black must lose material. How-ever, Black had a brilliant counter in mind. How did the game

Solution on page 41



School governors an emanation of the state

National Union of Teachers principal reason for his dismissal." and Others v Governing Body of St Mary's Church of England (Aided) Junior School and Others

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

Judgment December 121 The governing body of a voluntary aided school could be regarded as

an emanation of the state in the context of the doctrine that an individual could rely directly on the provisions of a European Community directive against the state or an emanation of the state. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the National Union of Teachers and three of its members, Mr Roy Fidge, Mr David Childs-Clarke and Alexander Ermellino, from the dismissal by the Employ-ment Appeal Tribunal (The Times November 9, 1994; [1995] ICR 317) of its appeal from a decision of an industrial tribunal at Ashford on a Directive 77/187/EEC. the ac-quired rights directive (OJ 1977 No L61/26) was not directly enforce-able against the governing body of a voluntary aided school, namely St Mary's Church of England

was not an emanation of the state. Kent County Council and the temporary governing body of St Mary's were also respondents. Regulation 8 of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) provides: "Where either before or after a relevant transfer. any employee of the transferor. is dismissed, that employee shall be treated ... as unfairly dis-

sed if the transfer or a reason

Junior School, Swanley, Kent, as it

Mr John Hand, QC and Mr Thomas Linden for the teachers: Mr Timothy Straker, QC, for the respondents.

LORD SCHIEMANN said that the appeal arose from the dismissal of three teachers, employed at a school which was closed along with its neighbour, who were dismissed allegedly for redun-dancy. On the day after the closure a new school opened its doors. Most of the teachers who had

been employed at the two closed schools were employed at the new school; not so the appellants. On the face of it there was no answer to the assertion that they had been dismissed by the governors for tismissed by the governors for redundancy.

In general the law provided some protection for employees whose former employers undertaking was transferred to someone

else. That protection arose from the acquired rights directive which was transposed into UK legislation by the 1981 Regulations. In due course the UK government became aware that it had incorrectly transposed the defi-

nition of "undertaking" in regulation 2 of the 1981 Regulations (which had the effect of disqualifying the appellants!
That was corrected by the Trade
Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 but that did no help the appellants who had been three months previously. They therefore had to rely directly on the rights given by the

directive before the industrial The jurisprudence of the Euro-pean Court of Justice established that directives could in certain rights had been infringed could rely on the doctrine of direct vertical effect and seek to sue the member state or emanation of the state in which case the latter was inhibited under the jurisprudence developed by the European Court from relying on the failure of the state correctly to transpose the

It was clear from a series of cases before the European Court that the concept of an emanation of the state for the purposes of the doctrine of vertical effect was a very broad one and certainly extended to local authorities.

Mr Straker did not formally concede that point but did not argue to the contrary. Both parties relied on Foster British Gas plc ([1991] 2 AC 306) which was decided by the House of

Lords after having obtained an

opinion from the European Court. The issue which faced the court in that case was whether the ap-plicants could rely as against the British Gas Corporation on an unimplemented Council Directive. The European Court expressed its ruling in paragraph 20 of the judgment: "A body, whatever its legal form, which has been made legal form, which has been mea-responsible, pursuant to a mea-sure adopted by the state, for providing a public service under control of the state and has for that purpose special powers beyond those which resulted from the normal rules applicable in relations between individuals is included among the bodies against which the provisions of a Directive capable of having direct effect may

e relied upon. It was clear from the wording of paragraph 20 and in particular the the formula there used was not

Anti-competitive behaviour in council tender terms

The test of the European Court. in Foster v British Gas of whether a body was an emanation of state consisted of a tripartite, cu-mulative set of criteria namely:

(a) Has the body been made responsible pursuant to a measure adopted by the state for providing a public service? (b) Is that service under the

control of the state? (c) Does the body for that purpose have special powers be-yond those which apply between

Voluntary schools chose of their own volition to come within the state system. However, once within the system, they were subject to a considerable degree of control and influence by the Secretary of State for Education and the local education authority.

It was an oddiny inherent in the whereas they accepted that vol-untary school caretakers, employed by the local authority, might rely on the directive, because the local authority was an emanation of the state, they submitted that school teachers employed by the governors might not, because the governors were not an emanation of the state. Had the governors been made

responsible pursuant to a measure adopted by the state for providing a public service?

Mr Straker submitted that they had not because the diocese was free to decide whether or not to apply to make the school a vol-untary aided school. He submitted that in England no one person was responsible for the provision of education. That responsibility was

shared between parents, schools, Justice Beldam agreed. local education authorities and the

voluntary aided status for one of its schools then the governors had been made respon

His Lordship preferred the latter submission. The statutory in-strument made by the local authority under statutory powers could be regarded as a measure adopted by the state. Education could be regarded as a public service.

Was that service under the control of the state? Mr Straker submitted that education was not, under the complicated statutory system, under the control of the state. His Lordship was not inclined to accept

The secretary of state had duties and powers in respect of the novision of education and so had amounted to sufficient control by the state for present purposes to come within the concept of control. Did the governors have special powers beyond those which app-lied to individuals?

Mr Hand submitted that the governors had the power to spend public money and that that was a special power for present pur-poses. His Lordship was not presently persuaded that that was the sort of power which the European Court had in mind in

However, he thought that it was inappropriate to apply the tri-partite test as though it were a definition section, In his judgment for the purpose of the doctrine of direct vertical effect, the governors of the schools must be regarded as emanations of the state. Lord Justice Ward and Lord

Solicitors: Mr Graham Clayton:

His Lordship found that the

terms of those documents were not

inconsistent with the circular

which did not purport to be

exhaustive. The policy set out in

the documents was one which it

was open to the secretary of state to

adopt in order to promote com-

It might be that at least in some

circumstances a tenderer would

gain an edge or advantage by possession of information related

Employer's liability for racial abuse at work

Jones v Tower Boot Co Ltd Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Judgment December III The words in the course of his employment" in section 32(1) of the Race Relations Act 1976 were not to be construed restrictively by reference to the case law governing an employer's vicarious liability in tort, so that an employee's racially connected with acts authorised to be done as part of his work so as to

The Court of Appeal, Civil Division, so held when allowing an appeal by Raymondo Virtue Jones against the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Munimery, Mr R. Jackson and Mr K. Hacki on June 13, 1995 which allowed the appeal of Tower Boot Co Ltd. the appellant's em-ployer, from the decision of an industrial tribunal.

The appellant was aged 16 and of mixed ethnic parentage when in April 1997 he began employment as a last operative. The company had not previously employed any-one of ethnic minority.

The appellant gave evidence of both physical and verbal abuse by rwo fellow employees, David Clements and Andy Conter. The physical incidents consisted of whinping him on the legs with a piece of welt, throwing bolts at him, burning his arm with a hot screwdriver and trying to put his arm into a lasting machine. He was called "chimp", "monkey" and babcon".

The appellant reported the burning incident to his supervisor who moved him to another part of the factory but there was a further incident. In May 1992 the appel-lant handed in his notice.

Section 32 of the Race Relations Act 1976 provides: "(I) Anything done by a person in the course of his employment shall be treated for the purposes of this Act (except as regards offences thereunder) as done by his employer as well as by him, whether or not it was done with the employer's knowledge or (3) ... it shall be a defence for

that person to prove that he took such steps as were reasonably practicable to prevent the emoloyee from doing that act, or from doing in the course of his employ-ment acts of that description."

Mr Robin Allen, QC, Mr John Whitmore and Mr Thomas Kibling for the appellant; Mr Slmon Buckhaven for the

WRD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the appellant brought a claim against the company under sections 1(1)(a) and 4(2)(c) of the 1976 Act for racial discrimination. The company submitted to the industrial tribunal that it was not

liable for the acts committed by its employees since those acts were not done within the scope of their employment and therefore did not come within section 32(1).

The tribunal found that the acts complained of were authorised, albeit done in an unauthorised manner and the company nor having satisfied the defence section 32(3) was responsible for

The sole ground of appeal to the EAT was that in the course of his employment" had to be subject to the same principles as applied to the establishment of vicarious liability of an employer at common law and that at common law a master was liable for acts which he had not authorised, provided they were so connected with acts which he had authorised, that it might rightly be regarded as a mode, albeit an improper mode, of doing

The acts complained of could not possibly have been described as being done in the course of ovment nor were they mode of doing the job they were em-ployed to do. The majority of the EAT accepted those contentions and allowed the appeal.

Preferring the submissions of the appellant his Lordship said that it made no vense that an act should be done with the knowledge and approval of the employer but that the employer should not be vicariously liable because the act was not done within the scope of his employment according to com-mon law principles. He accordingly allowed the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE, agreeing, that the issue was of widespread importance and that the Act should be construed according to its legislative purpose and by giving the words in the section their normal meaning.

The general thrust of the Act was educative, persuasive and, where necessary, coercive. The relief ac-corded to victims of discrimination went beyond the ordinary remedies of damages and an injunction, introducing provisions with a pro-active function designed as much to eliminate the occasions for discrimination as to compensate perpetrators.

A purposive construction required section 32 to be given a broad interpretation and it would be inconsistent with that requirement to allow the notion of "course of employment" to be construed in any sense more limited than the natural meaning of those everyday words would allow.

Mr Allen, while acknowledging that there was a broad concentual similarity between the employer's responsibility that applied both in the context of turnious liability in an employment context and in discrimination in the employment field, submitted that substantial ous liability in turn was analysed and contrasted with the statutory scheme in the Act.

The employer's authority, for example, was a crucial element in tortious vicarious liability but the position under section 32 was that all actions by a person in the course of employment were attrib-uted to the employer "whether or not ... done with the employer's knowledge or approval"

His Lordship was persuaded that Mr Allen's submission was to be preferred and that there was no sufficient similarity between the two contexts to justify imposing the common law gloss on the words

Even more compelling was the anomaly which would result from adopting any other interpretation so that the more hemous the act of discrimination the less likely is

The company submitted that that was all to the good as Parliament must have intended the liability of employers to be kept within reasonable grounds.

His Lordship entirely rejected that submission curting as it did and underlying policy which was to deter racial and sexual harasment in the workplace through a ment in the workplace through a widening of the net of respon-sibility beyond the guilty employ-ees themselves by making all employers additionally liable for such harassment and then supplying them with the reasonable steps defence under section 32(3) which would exonerate the conscientious employer who had used his best endeavours to prevent harass-

It would have been particularly wrong to allow racial harassment on the scale that was suffered by the appellant at the hands of his workmates to slip through the net of employer responsibility by applying to it a common law inciple evolved in another area of the law to deal with vicariou responsibility for wrongdoing of a wholly different kind.

To do so would seriously undermine the statutory scheme of the purposes which they were passed to achieve.

Tribunals were free, and indeed bound to interpret the ordinary in the course of employment" in the sense in which every layman would understand them.

The application of the phrase

would be a question of fact for each tribunal to resolve with a mind unclouded by any parallels sought to be drawn from the vicarious liability in tort. Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Makbool Javaid. Wellingborough.

The council replied that it would Mr Patrick Elias, OC and Mr letter issued on January 21, 1994 Metropolitan Borough Council of John Cavanagh for the council; Mr ian Burnett for the secretary of release information on an underfollowing consultation on matters a decision of the Secretary of State taking that the firm produce a bid. to the transfer of undertakings.

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Before Mr Justice Laws

(Judgment November 26)

Circumstances where a local authority seeking tenders for a building contract declined to provide information relating to transfer of undertakings save on terms that the tenderer delivered a bid incorporating such information was capable of amounting to anticompetitive behaviour.

Mr Justice Laws sitting at Leeds in the Queen's Bench Division so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an application

L'udement November 11

In cases concerning children; the weight of Court of Appeal au-thority was against the existence of any strict rule of issue escoppel; if a

party wished to rely on findings made in previous proceedings in

order to prove a case it was for the

court to consider how that should

Family Division in a judgment

delivered in chambers and re-ported with her Ladyship's consent

names of instructing solicitors were omitted. Her Ladyship was

making a determination on a preliminary issue as to whether a

party in current proceedings was bound by a finding of fact in

Mrs Justice Hale so stated in the

for the Environment who, on February 15, 1996, served a direction under section 19(B)(Z)(a) of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, as inserted by section 32 of the Local Governmen Act 1988, to prohibit the council from carrying out contract work.

The council had invited tenders for a substantial building contract. A firm on its approved list re-quested information concerning council staff levels to assess what it was taking on in the event of making a bid incorporating the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794).

authority; Mr Alan Inglis for the mother; Miss Alison Bail, QC, for the lather; Miss Elizabeth Cole-

MRS JUSTICE HALE said that

the case raised important ques-

tions as to the scope and applica-

Here the issue was whether, in

the current care proceedings, the father was bound by a finding of

fact in previous care proceedings relating to other children and the answer, after careful consideration

of precedent, was "not

Although there was nothing in the decisions to suggest that the rule of issue estoppel was wider in

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man for the guardian ad litem.

A bid was made but not accepted because the council claimed breach of the undertaking. The contract was awarded in-house.

Complaints were made to the secretary of state who served notice under section 19A of the 1980 Act, as inserted, that extraction of an undertaking to submit a bid as a condition for the release of information was anti-competitive. The secretary of state was sub-sequently not sadsfied that the council had complied with section inserted, and served a direction

That was the view taken by Mr

Justice Ward in K v P (Children

Act proceedings: Estoppel) ([1995] |

Appeal in Re S (Discharge of care order) (1995) 2 FLR 639) and reflected both the greater inquisitorial role the court had in children

cases together with the need for

ell.1 However, that did not mean

that the court was bound to allow

evidence to be called on each and

every potentially relevant issue but had a discretion as to how a party

Some of the factors to be borne in

flexibility of approach.

in previous proceedings.

MR JUSTICE LAWS said that the context was the statutory scheme enacted to secure the resu that local authorities only carried out works, in oursuance of their public functions, by means of their own employed labour force, as opposed to external contractors. If they could do so competitively.

The secretary of state had issued DoE Circular 10/93 Local Government Act 1992, section 9: Com-petition in the provision of local authority services. There were also policy documents, which did not have statutory status, in the form

Whether party bound by previous findings

In re B (Care proceedings: previous proceedings in which some of the parties had been lidgation, it was open to the court to set as the Mr Graham Parnell for the local the overriding duty to get at the 2 The prejudicial effect of delay on against the likely effect of reliance upon determinations of fact which might turn out to have been

had taken;

the Issue would result in any

I Underlying considerations of public policy such as finality in litigation; 3 What form the previous hearings

4 The importance of previous findings in the context of current 5 Above all, whether a rehearing of

substantially different finding. The court's discretion, like the rules of Issue estoppel, as Lord Upjohn had pointed out in Carl Zeiss Stiftung v Rayner & Keeler Ltd (No 2) (1967) 1 AC 853, 947) "must be applied so as to work justice and not injustice".

to transfer of undertakings from the local authority. But, as it seemed to his Lordship. the secretary of state was entitled

to take the view that the provision of such information without strings would, in short, encourage outside bidders to enter the ring to tender as they saw fit. As a matter of law, following the approach in R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Metrop

Council (unreported CA July 31, 1991), the circumstances that an authority might decline to provide transfer information save on terms that the tenderer delivered a transfer bid was capable of amounting to anti-competitive conduct.

The secretary of state was plainly entitled to make a

The extraction by the council of the undertaking was in law ca-pable of being viewed as anti-competitive conduct. It was open to the secretary of state to treat it as such on all the facts.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Mr Andrew Jeffries, Oldham.

Legislation bundle required

Practice Direction (Crown Office List: Provision of relevant copy legislation)

On lodging an application for leave to apply for judicial review a bundle of the relevant legislative provisions and statutory in-struments had to be lodged in addition to the material already

Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice, slitting with Mr Justice Blofeld and Mr Justice Cresswell in the Lord Chief Justice of England's Court, so stated on December 6, 1996, when handing

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

On lodging an application for leave to apply for judicial review the applicant's solicitor had to lodge, in addition to the material required to be lodged by Practice Preparation for hearings) (The

bundle of the relevant legislative provisions and statutory instruments required for the proper consideration of the application

An applicant who acted in person should comply with the present direction so far as he or she In any event, an applicant acting

in person should list the legislative

Northern Ireland Law Report December 16 1996 Court of Appeal

New procedures do not affect dismissal of probationary lecturers

Deman v Queen's University

Before Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice McDermott and Lord Justice [Judgment September 19]

The procedure for terminating the employment of a lecturer at Queen's University of Belfast appointed on probation had not been fundamentally changed by the new procedures for dismissing academic staff for good cause and redundancy added to the university's statutes by the University Commissioners for Northern Ireland pursuant to the Education (Academic Tenure) (Northern Ire-

land) Order 1938. The Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland held in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Suresh Deman, against a refusal by Lord Justice Carswell on an application for judicial review to quash a sion of the Queen's University of Belfast to terminate his employment following a probationary

period Mr Nick Hanna, QC and Mr Neil Drennan for the university: Mr Declan Morgan, QC and Mr Jack Simpson for the applicant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that before the university's statutes had been revised pursuant to the 1988 Order there was a clear distinction between the procedures for the termination of employment of a probationary lecturer and the dismissal of an established lec-

In the case of a probationary lecturer, pursuant to paragraph (till) of the procedure approved by the senate in October 1976 the board of curators would recommend that his appointment would be terminated and under paragraph (xvi) the probationary lea-turer would have a right of appeal to a committee appointed by the

In the case of an established lecturer, pursuant to chapter IX. the senate would have power to dismiss for good cause and under chapter XXIII he would have a right of appeal to the Visitor.

The law relating to the dismissal of academic staff was changed in احكدا بع الأصل

an important way by the 1988 falling short of constituting pos-Order and was made for purposes sible good cause for dismissal.

detailed code for the dismissal of

In re Boots the Chemist Ltd

Before Sir Brian Hutton, Lord

Chief Justice, Lord Justice Nichol-

Where planning permission was

granted for the development of a

superstore, having taken into ac-

count the likely impact on local

trade if the superstore were to be

operated by a small local com-

pany, and subsequently further

planning permission was sought

for the same site for a superstore to

be operated by a national com-

pany, the increased turnover likely

to be generated by the national

operator was a material consid-

eration to be taken into account by

The Court of Appeal in Northern

Ireland so held in dismissing an appeal by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland

against the grant by Lord Justice

Carswell of two applications for

judicial review, brought by F. A. Wellworth & Co Ltd and Boots the

Chemist Ltd, and his quashing of

planning permissions granted to J.

Riverside Regional Park,

Mr Declan Morgan, QC and Mr

Bernard McCloskey for the Department of the Environment:

Mr Donald Deeny, QC and Mr Stuart Beattie for the applicants:

unsbury plc in respect of a site at

the planning authority.

son and Mr Justice Kerr

Dudgment September 17

corresponding to the purposes of sections 202 to 207 of and Schedule 11 to the Education Reform Act 1985 in England. One of the important changes which was made was to permit the dismissal

academic staff for good cause and also set out a code for disciplinary. procedures in respect of conduct

of academic staff by reason of redundancy. The new chapter XX set out a

had been recognised to some extent by industrial tribunals and by the

In re F. A. Wellworth & Co Mr Reg Weir, QC and Mr Stephen Shaw for Sainsburys.

Leaving aside the question there was a distinction in point of strict law between "termination of appointment" and ered that there was a difference, arising from considerations which were fair and reasonable, between deciding to terminate the employment of a probationer and decidmember of staff. That difference

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

said that a developer had applied for outline and full planning

permission in respect of the site for

the construction of a superstore and other buildings.

the application came within article

31 of the Planning (Northern

Ireland) Order 1991 and required

the submission of a retail impact

study. The study was based on the

proposed superstore having a net

Since there was no identified

operator at that time the consul-

tants adopted a notional turnover

based on floor space which re-

flected the average of a number of

selected United Kingdom com-

square foot a year at 1990 prices.

The study then assessed the likely impact on other food retailers in

the area of the development of a

superstore of that size and with

ered the study, did not require a public inquiry to be held under

article 31 and granted full planning

Subsequently an agreement was

made between Sainsburys and

another developer who acquired most of the land comprised in the

site that Sainsburys would operate the superstore and two further applications were made for plan-

The department, having consid-

such turnover.

Turnover was assessed at £530 a

panies operating superstores.

floor space of 28,000 sq ft.

The department considered that

Employment Appeal Tribunal.
That difference was particularly apposite in relation to the academic staff of a university. Where a lecturer had served a probationary period and had been confirmed in his appointment it was entirely fair and reasonable that he be entitled for good cause or redundancy.

to know that he could not be dismissed from his position unless However, there might be some cases in relation to a probationer lecturer where his conduct and/or senior colleagues and the board of

ning permission in respect of the

The department did not apply

article 31 to either application, did

not require the submission of any further retail impact study and

granted planning permission in respect of both applications.

The applicants contended that

the department failed to take a

material consideration into ac-count when it decided to grant

permission without having regard

to the increased retail impact of a

superstore operated by Sainsbury

and without requiring the sub-

mission of a fresh retail impact

There was no challenge before

the court to the finding of the judge that the applicants had established

a prima facie case that Sainsbury's

turnover per square foot might be

materially above the figure adopted by the consultants.

benefit of the original permission

was a material consideration but

that did not mean that it ceased to

the operator at the time of the later

applications was Sainsbury which might well generate a much higher

turnover and therefore have a

much greater detrimental impact

on shops in the centre of Coleraine

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Having taken that material consideration into account it might be reasonable, although his Lordship expressed no opinion on the point, for the planning authority to consider that it was ourweighed by other considerations, such as that planning permission ran with the land and that Sainsbury had the benefit of the earlier permission and might fall back on it, and that it was not a proper planning large national company because it was more efficient and successful

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Lord Justice Nicholson and Mr Justice Kerr delivered concurring Solicitors: Crown Solicitor: T. G. McAipine: L'Estrange & Brett.

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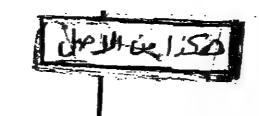
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Brokers split over Asda prospects

cently named the group as the fastest-growing food retailer in the sector, but the shares have been a duli market ahead of halfyear figures due on Thursday. Brokers seem divided about prospects for the group, with UBS claiming that the discount to the rest of the market is too great, while NatWest Securities urges

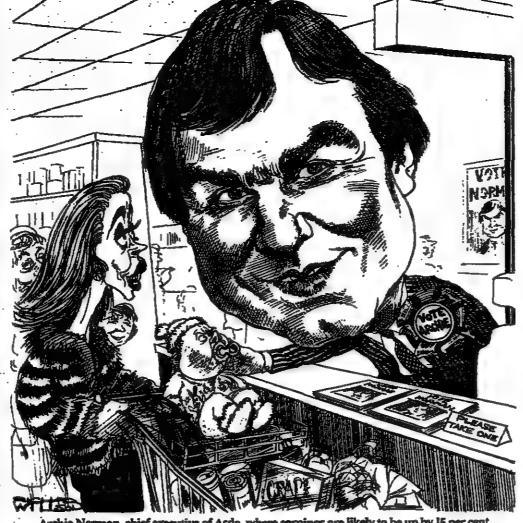
clients to take profits.

NatWest is forecasting pre-tax profits of £153 million, while UBS is expecting a figure of about £160 million. That compares with 138.3 million last time. Earnings are likely to be up by around 15 per cent, while shareholders should be rewarded with an II per cent increase in the payout to 0.80p a share.

Both are agreed that like-for-like sales will be up about 9 per cent, with margins flat at just under 5 per cent, ex-petrol sales, underpinned by growth in total sales of 11 per cent. In the meantime, the group will have had to contend with the apparent risks inherent within an increasingly cyclical non-food business. There will also be rising costs generated by new store openings.

MFI: The gradual revival of consumer confidence is expected to be fully reflected in half-year figures unveiled today, with pretax profits doubled to £40 million. although estimates range from E31.5 million to E42 million. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is forecasting £38 million but is happy to lift its forecast for the full year by £4 million, to £90 million, if the group achieves £40 million or more at the halfway stage. That compares with a final figure last year of £58.1 million.

The sharp recovery in the group's fortunes stems from a big increase in sales on the back of the growth being established in the housing market. Margins have also begun to improve, with Henderson looking for an improvement of between 1.5 per cent and 2 per cent as the cost of raw materials continues to fail. Meanwhile, the group is undergoing a change of image with almost half its portfolio of 80 stores already converted to the new Homeworks format. Through its Howden



Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, where earnings are likely to be up by 15 per cent

Joinery arm it has also successfully moved to take on the builders merchants with 20 depots already established.

SECURICOR: Brokers will be pinning their hopes on a better second-half performance from the group, which unveils full-year figures tomorrow. During the first six months, pre-tax profits were just £100,000 ahead, at £47.6 million, struck after exceptional costs of £3.44 million. For the full year, Henderson Crosthwaite is looking for a final figure of £106 million (£99.4

million last time). Earnings are likely to have grown from 10.7p to 11.5p, with a small rise in the

payout, from 1.3p to 1.5p.
Once again the biggest contribiution to profits will come from its 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile-phone operator it owns jointly with BT. Brokers are expecting a modest improvement. On the other hand, the cash transit business has been giving cause for concern. Competition has been intensive resulting in margin pressure and contract losses. Market conditions are thought to have

stabilised as the group entered the second half. The Cross Keys insurance division had a strong first half but this is unlikely to have been caried through to the second six months. The Securicor Service Provider will have been hit by a bad-debt provision totalling E4 million. This is unlikely to have been repeated in the second half. In fact, brokers are hoping that some of that

EUROTHERM: The strong pound is likely to take some of the gloss off an otherwise impressive

provision will be ploughed back.

unveils full-year figures tomor row. At the pre-tax level profits are likely to be up around II per cent, at £38 million, compared with £34.1 million last time. But earnings are likely to have grown at a more sedate pace with NatWest Securities looking for a 9 per cent improvement, to 27.4p

a share. Eurotherm has struggled to accelerate earnings growth, with margins remaining under pressure. The pound's gains against its major rivals will only have served to exacerbate the situation. Second-half trading has, at best, been mixed. The domestic market remains strong but the downturn in France has deepened, while in the US demand is flat. With margins remaining under pressure, the group will be continually forced to come up with new product ranges. Even so, shareholders can expect a generous increase in the dividend, with almost 9p forecast, compared with 7.5p last time.

VAUX: Half-year figures from the North East brewer tomorrow are expected to paint a mixed picture. A strong performance from its hotel and managed pubs chains are likely to be held back by difficult trading conditions in tenanted pubs and the nursing homes. Brokers are predicting a modest increase in pre-tax profits of £3 million, to £35 million, 9 per cent up on the previous year. Costs savings should benefit the group's brewing operations with the benefits of last year's restructuring also starting to come through. But tenanted pubs will have endured difficult trading, with the performance also reflecting the transfer of some pubs over to managed.

The managed pubs arm and the Swallow hotel chain should produce some solid growth in excess of 20 per cent as business picks up and the division reaps the benefit of recent investment. Swallow is thought to be outperforming the hotel industry generally. Brokers will also be on the lookout for news of the disposal of its nursing homes operation. The dividend is expected to grow by 4 per cent, to 10.6p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

PSBR tipped to hit £2.7bn

or the week before Christmas, there is a considerable batch of British statistics to absorb and interest rate meetings in Germany and America.

In Britain, the first key figure is the public sector borrowing requirement for November, published tomorrow, According to the market consensus compiled by MMS International, the economic analyst, there is expected to be a PSBR of £2.7 billion compared with the huge £4.4 billion repayment in October, a bumper month for corporation tax receipts. On Wednesday, retail sales figures for Nov-ember will be looked at with interest given recent surveys suggesting that activity on the high street has lost some momentum. The City is expecting a rise in sales of 0.5 per cent in the month, giving year-on-year growth of 3.4 per cent. This compares with a rise of 0.4 per cent in October, which

gave annual growth of 4.1 per cent. On Thursday, November M4 broad money supply is expected to have risen 0.7 per cent in the month. This would leave its year-on-year growth rate at 10.0 per cent compared with 10.3 per cent in October. M4 lending by banks and building societies is expected to have eased a little from October's high figure, while net mortgage commitments by building society lenders are expected to have kept pace with October's performance. On Friday, there are final figures for third-quarter gross domestic product, expected to be unrevised with growth in the quarter of 0.8 per cent and year-on-year growth of 2.4 per

The Federal Open Market Committee meets in Washington tomorrow to discuss interest rates but there is no expectation of a rate rise. The Bundesbank's council meeting convenes on Thursday. There is no speculation of rate changes but the bank will set next year's target for M3 money supply, expected to be unchanged at 4 per cent to 7 per cent.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Jarvis Hotels. MFI, TLG, Meggitt: Sell Body Shop International. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Regalian Properties, Rosebys. Deltron Electronics; Sell CIA; Avoid RJB Mining. Independent on Sunday: Buy Ocean Group, Vardon, Astec BSR: Avoid Kenwood; Sell Cadbury Schweppes. The Mail On Sunday: Buy Wembley, Han-som, Mulberry; Sell Lasmo.

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Second chance for ostrich investors

BY A CORRESPONDENT

INVESTORS who lost millions of pounds with the collapse of the Ostrich Farming Corporation are being offered a chance to acquire shares in a successor company in the hope of recovering at least some of their

original investment.

Around 2,700 people put nearly £22 million into OFC, enticed by promises of annual returns in excess of 50 per

Those people now have the chance to recoup their losses by signing up with a new company called Belautruche (UK) Pic, according to a prospectus outlining the ven ture. In return for their ostriches — currently being kept on farms in Belgium and a cash outlay, the investors will have a share in the company. Investors must subscribe a minimum of 13 per cent of their original

The prospectus states that investors are being offered the opportunity to invest in a company with a holding in an existing ostrich farm. Eddy Nachtergaele, a Bel-gian farmer who is a director of the Belgian base of Belautruche, supplied the ostriches to OFC and they are still kept on his farms.

The company's board includes three of the original OFC investors, who are also committee members of the Ostrich Owners Protection Group. The share option must raise at least £1.5 million by January 10 for the rescue bid to go ahead. If the capital is not raised, Mr Nachtergaele will repossess the existing birds to recover fees he has incurred.

In documents filed in the High Court earlier this year. the Department of Trade and Industry alleged that direc-tors of OFC syphoned off investors' money through disadvantageous contracts

OFC initially purchased os-triches direct from Mr Nachtergaele's Zoopare Amo-Safari company. Later. birds were purchased at much higher prices from Wall Street LLC and Wallstreet Corporation (UK), which in turn equired the ostriches from Zooparc, the DTI alleged.

Amex in takeover frame after merger talks fail

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

AMERICAN EXPRESS has been left looking vulnerable to takeover or merger offers after it was disclosed that merger talks with Citicorp collapsed ast week.

Discussions with Citicorp

were initiated by Harvey

Golub, the Amex chairman. who has held talks with John Reed, chairman of Citicorp, since November. The talks foundered on the high price of Amex, estimated to be at least \$25 billion, and the likelihood that Citicorp would have to give up its affiliation with the Visa and Mastercard credit card groups. There was also disagreement over what role Mr Golub would play in the

combined group.

Amex said that it was not currently discussing the sale



Reed: discussions collapsed

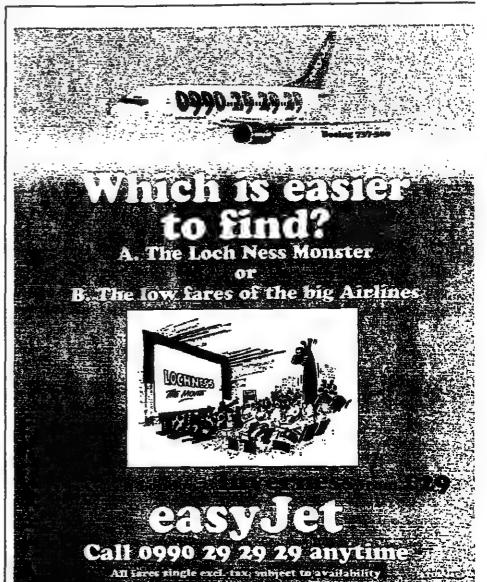
of all or part of the company with anyone. If a deal had been agreed it would have far outstripped the \$11.3 billion merger of Chase Manhattan and Chemical Bank - the largest bank merger in Ameri-

ca to date. The aborted talks show the pressure that US banks are under in the current wave of consolidation. So far Citicorp has stayed out of the merger and acquisition frenzy, concentrating on building its

business organically.

Amex, however, has been forced to construct a new strategy because of competition from credit card groups. it has tried hard, but largely failed, to persuade US banks to issue its charge cards, so a closer link with a big banking institution such as Citicorp became the next step. Amex's enthusiasm to find a banking partner, however, emphasises its vulnerability and its con-

cern that it is losing business. Because of its size, there are few institutions that would be able to bid for it. Amex could. however, enter into merger talks with other



RPC to acquire German specialist

By MARTIN BARROW

RPC, the UK plastic packaging company, is acquir-ing CPE, a specialist manufacturer of rigid plastic packaging primarily for the food and drinks industry, for DMI60 million (E64 million).

CPE, known as Continental Plastics Europe, comprises the plastics business of Schmalbach-Lubeca, a German company, and has 12 factories in Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Britain, Spain, Poland and

Hungary.
Its largest plant is in Bremervvrde in northern Germany, where it pro-duces tubs for margarine, and ice cream, and the main customer is Unilever. CPE also produces containers for yoghurt and dessert multipacks and vending and disposable cups. Other customers include Ferrero. Mars and Douwe Egbert.

CPE has incurred a loss in each of the last two years, recording a deficit of DM3 million in 1995. In spite of this poor performance RPC said prospects are considerably improved as a result of a reorganisation of the business undertaken this year. cutting employee numbers and costs, and the repositioning of CPE's product range in higher value-added sectors.

RPC will partly fund the acquisition via a £32.7 million rights issue, with the balance funded by bank facilities. Investors are offered two new shares for every five held at 142p each. Shareholder approval is required and there will be an



Tim Beech, Kenwood managing director, faces tough questions about the board's rejection of approaches by Pifco

Kenwood board to ask investors for more time

THE besieged board of Ken-wood will today make a plea to be given more time to restore the fortunes of the troubled maker of domestic appliances. Angry shareholders are expected to pack today's extraordinary meeting, convened by UK Active Value (UKAV) to consider a proposal to put the

company up for sale.

Tim Beech, managing director, will also face tough questions about the board's rejection of detailed talks with Pifco. the rival domestic appliances company. On Thursday, Pifco said that it would be unable to make an offer for the company until Kenwood made available detailed financial information. The City expects Kenwood

management to win the backing of most shareholders against the proposal tabled by UKAV, a 9 per cent stakeholder, with the support of a further 1.4 per cent of shares. At least one big shareholder has pledged support for Ken-wood, and institutions are thought to be willing to give its existing managers up to a year to resolve its problems and enhance its value. However, UKAV expects a significant number of abstentions.

The vote has been complicated by Pifco's disclosure that it has made two approaches to Kenwood and been rebuffed both times. Pifco has asked Kenwood shareholders to kickstart talks. Last week, UKAV

said that a merger of the two "appears to offer considerable potential". Although Kenwood has said that it would be "irresponsible" to hold talks with a rival unless a firm offer had been put forward, UKAV believes that Kenwood should talk to serious potential bidders and "provide them with comfort on Kenwood's bal-

The battle over the future of Kenwood currently centres on its Italian operation, which, combined with France, accounts for 34 per cent of Kenwood's revenues. In the summer, a profits warning sent Kenwood's share price below 200p against a flotation price of 285p in 1992. Pre-tax

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profits dived from £7.4 million to E3.3 million in the six months to October 4, with the Ariete and Mizushi, taking much of the blame.

The Italian acquisitions have detracted from Kenwood's underlying value and the quality of its brands. Some in the City also believe that its manufacturing has not been as efficient as it should be.

Kenwood has responded to UKAV's assault by promising significant changes in the way the business is run, reducing the range and number of products, cutting the time to market and continuing to

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finance director a year ago, is set to join Manchester United

in a similar role in February.

The departure is amicable

with Mr Gill, a keen football

fan and a Manchester United

shareholder, delighted to fill a

post left empty when Robin

Launders departed for Leeds United. But the timing is

unfortunate, taking place as

Michael Julien, chairman of

First Choice, seeks to restore

confidence in the board and in

his company's prospects.

Peter Long, who became managing director in November after Francis Baron was

ousted as chief executive in the

wake of a boardroom bust-up,

will present the company's

annual results on Wednesday.

Mr Gill is to be succeeded

Merrill Lynch has pencilled

in full-year profits of £17 million before tax (1995: £1

million), though it expects the

figure to be a little lower when

Airtours, the rival travel

company, enjoyed a 46 per

cent rise in pre-tax profits for

the full year to £86.6 million (1995: £59.4 million) when it

reported last week. Its success

was thanks largely to profits

from its travel agency chain and its holiday companies in

However, Airtours and

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by Lance Moir, who was

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innounced this week by First Choice Holidays, the third-biggest tour operator in the UK. David Gill, who became

from First FREDERICK and David Barclay have set their hearts on the building next door to the Ritz hotel in London. Keen to cut a deal, the brothers have been currying

favour with their neighbours in William Kent House on

Arlington Street.
Sandy Leitch, chief executive of British American Financial Services, has his office in the building that was commissioned by Prime Minister Henry Pelham in 1740. The freehold was sold in 1947 to Feele Str. part of in 1947 to Eagle Star, part of BAT, and the life department moved in three years later. Poor old Sandy is trying desperately to hang on to his cubbyhole, that is sandwiched between the Ritz and Le Caprice, with a wonderful view of Green Park. But the

terrible twins won't take no

All change

for an answer.

ITS all change at the British Retail Consortium, where the triumvirate is dishanding. Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover replaces Lord Mac-Laurin of Knebworth as president Mark Souhami of Dixon's is standing down after two years as chairman. After six years as director-general, James May is leaving to join the UK OffShore Operators Association. Ann Robinson, former chief executive at Scope, who admits to having "limited retailing experience", will assume that role.

Dawn mission

PETER GOODCHILD, 26, a trainee solicitor from Slaughter and May, the City law firm, set off at 4am yesterday from the banks of the River Thames, attempting to scull his way into the record books and cover its entire 180-mile length in three days. The current record is six days. The distance is the same as that from London to Sheffield along the MI motorway. He is expected to burn up 30,000

Panama paddlers

MICHAEL GRADE is investing in a Panama hat to match his foot-long cigars. The chief executive of Channel Four is off to Central America. He and two chums will be whitewater rafting in Panama. "The usual suspects", as he refers to them, sailed round the Caribbean with him last Christmas on board Gulliver, their six-berth yacht. 'It's being mended, so we while the bodies are still as strong as the spirit. I have been asked if this is menopausal, and I suppose it is Boys Own stuff." Or, did he say Boyzone?

THE TIMES



Mr Chips

Britain. With a £50,000 salary for a three-day week, the successful applicant need never be short of chips. While green fingers is irrelevant, the chosen one is expected to be independent of the industry.

Guys and gals

[EART-WARMING. THE Government is looking

HEART-WARMING news after my story that Harrods Bank had upset NatWest by making a move on its friends at the London Ladies Club. On tearing their making a move on its friends at the London Ladies Club. On hearing their "special" rela-tionship might be at risk, Norman Chambers, manager of NatWest Beigravia, booked a seat at a recent talk by Harrods Bank at the London Ladies Club. At the same time Chambers volunteered to give a similar presentation at their next meeting, and offered Nat-West's support for the next publication of the gals' newslet-ter. John Simmonds, Harrods Bank general manager, tells me that he is flattered by Chambers's attention.

HSBC boasts the most 'down-at-heel" employees, according to the "Footsie index" conducted by Timpsons, the shoe repairs chain. The number of money-off vouchers redeemed in its shops shows the runaway winners were 115 points ahead of nearest rivals NatWest Group when the final Footsie closed on Friday. To boot, £3,518 was raised for Centrepoint, the youth homelessness charity.

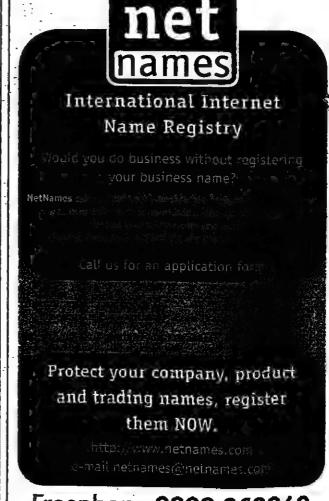
Turkish tiger

THE recent arrival of a multi- perfect that millionaire prodigy in Lon- 🛴 👢 📜 don from Turkey, where his family interests include construction, telecommunications and TV, remains a mystery. Cem Uzan, in the UK to set up his new international corporate base, has been spotted brushing up his Club. "Right now, London is the best city in the world to do business," says the Californiaeducated boardroom tiger.

MORAG PRESTON



Panama raiting should not take the puff out of Michael Grade



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Cirqual switches to main market

BY FRASER NELSON-

neer, today becomes the first after two underwriters pulled company to move from the out of the float. It closed at Alternative Investment Mar- 47 p. Yeoman Group, which ket to the main exchange.

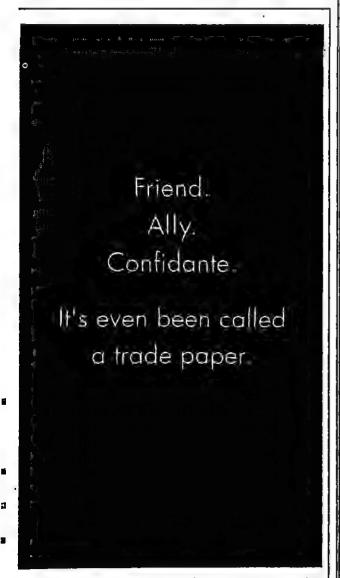
Toad, the car security company, has said it will be the second to make the move, on January 10. In spite of a disappointing run on AIM its shares were 872p on Friday against their flotation price of 115p - it has much greater ambitions and is now raising E21 million to fuel

AIM's new issues met a cold reception last week. Oxford Friday, lost almost half of its

CIRQUAL, the specialist engi-market value immediately makes satellite-orientated map-reading aids, opened at a 5p discount to its placing price

of 175p.
AND International Publishing shot from 1164p to 185p after it sought a dual listing in addition. Amsterdam. In addition, Clubpartners fell 4p to 112p after announcing it had re-ceived an offer way below its current share price.

Trading fell overall from last week's levels, as the FT-SE AlM index closed 16.6 points easier, at 1017.90.



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THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

DEEP-SEATED concerns about

monetary union in the financial

community, particularly the City

of London, have prompted a new paper entitled The Crash of 2003-

The paper was written by David

Lascelles, co-founder of the Centre for the Study of Financial Innova-

tion, after a series of round tables

and workshops with financial practitioners. Many participants, including officials from the Treasury and the Bank of England.

were worried that a single curren-

cy is being pursued for political reasons at the cost of Europe's

Described as a "scenario, not a

forecast", the paper charts an all

too believable course from the

eventual economic health.

An EMU Fairy Tale.

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West, which owns a nightclub in Kensington: and Edennote, Mr Venables's in-The DTI is to put forward charges of unfitness against the former England and Spurs manager. They include II counts that the DTI passed to the Serious Fraud Office to investigate. The SFO decided that there were insufficient grounds

for prosecution.
One issue is Mr Venables's relationship with Eddie Ashby, the former bankrupt installed as general manager of Spurs when Mr Venables was chief

Earlier this year. Mr

network

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formation of a single currency in 1999 by seven countries, boasting only flimsy economic convergence, to its break up in 2003. What is left, Mr Lascelles envisions is an EMU2 of only Germany, the Benefux countries and Austria - effectively an expanded German mark bloc as already existed in 1996.

Published to coincide with the Dublin summit, at which European leaders signed up to a compromise version of Germany's stability pact proposal, the paper concludes, in the words of Chistopher Golden, head of fixed income research at Nomura Inter-national, in his foreward: "EMU is not intrinsically fatally flawed, merely premature - a project

the pitfalls of economic and monetary union

driven by political imperatives,

lems to the point of failure." Mr Lascelles suggests that EMU goes ahead as planned on January l. 1999, with Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxem-bourg and The Netherlands in the first wave. The single currency starts despite the fact that none has met the Maastricht convergence criteria. Italy and Spain follow in a second wave a year later. The UK

So EMU is launched. The Euro-

pean Central Bank, keen to establish its credibility, pursues a tough monetary line. Courtesy of buoybut which ignored practical probant economic conditions across the globe, EMU gets off to a good start, although, Mr Lascelles notes, the required investment in new systems and technology wipes out six years of cost savings forecast from the single currency.

EMU fairy-tale envisions an unhappy ending in 2003

Janet Bush examines a new paper that outlines

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In 2000, however, world growth starts to slacken and Wall Street's heavily bought stock market suffers a big setback which sends shock waves through Europe. EMU countries, burdened by high costs and unemployment, are particularly vulnerable.

In 2001 growth fails sharply, placing additional burdens on social security budgets and pushing the weaker EMU countries further outside the convergence criteria, risking fines under the stability pact. The stability pact rules mean that governments have to cut spending at a time when growth is slowing, so creating a downward spiral with no hope of bailing out.

In 2002 pressures are mounting in France, where Jacques Chirac faces a presidential election in June. EMU is becoming deeply unpopular and M Chirac tries to win round voters by proposing, inter alia, to abolish the stability pact and rewrite the mandate of the ECB to emphasise its duty to promote growth (US Federal Reserve style). Germany refuses and confidence in the euro slumps.

In 2003 Brussels launches a last-ditch attempt to save EMU by proposing a federal Treasury to take over the debts of EMU countries. To work, however, the Treasury would need the power to raise taxes and control the spending of member states. Germany refuses to back the plan. France

has no choice but to leave EMU, followed by Italy, Spain and Ireland. The franc plunges 15 per cent and the Government is forced to accept a devaluation.

Britain cannot escape from the ravages of Europe-wide recession and the crisis of confidence which greets the end of the single currency dream. But it also feels vindicated in its decision not to join, having enjoyed comparatively healthier growth and employment as well as a bonanza for the City from huge growth in the offshore euro-euro market in the intervening years.

For further details, contact the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation. Tel: 0171-493 0173.

Pay awards remain on the decline in manufacturing

By PHILLP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PAY awards in manufacturing says that pay awards in manuindustry continue to fall back. facturing are continuing to decline, while settlements in the Confederation of British Industry says today in evidence the service sector remain which suggests a the limitation broadly stable. of at least one potential infla-The latest CBI Pay

tionary pressure.

The CBI's latest pay figures, released before the Government's own earnings data later pay settlements recorded by CBI members — shows that this week, will please ministers hoping to avoid another increase in interest rates. Official unemployment figures, also due this week, are expected to show a further fall

Venables to hear

date of move for

boardroom ban

TERRY VENABLES, for- Ashby was disqualified

mer coach of the England from being a director for

By Jason Niese

nine years and next year he

is to face accusations that he

acted as a director of the two

Spurs companies and Scribes West while banned.

Before Euro 96, Mr Venables said that he would

resign as coach of the Eng-iand team because of the

various legal battles ahead of him. These include a

long running libel fight with

Alan Sugar, chairman of

The latest part of that was

a ruling two months ago that Mr Venables's autobi-

ography should be pulped

because of libellous com-

ments about Mr Sugar that led to Mr Sugar receiving £100,001 in damages.

Tottenham Hotspur.

in seasonally adjusted unem-

playment - possibly to below

Before that, the CBI today

football team, will today.

learn when he is to face a move to have him barred as

a director of UK companies.

A High Court hearing will

set a date for the disqualifi-

cation hearings, put back

from summer after the Foot-

ball Association told the

court that the proceedings

could interfere with Mr

Venables's responsibilities in

Mr Venables, who recently

became chairman of Portsmouth, the Nationwide League first division team.

faces proceedings by the Department of Trade and

Industry over his running of

four companies, Tottenham

Hotspur, the public com-

pany, Tottenham Hotspur Football and Athletic Club,

its subsidiary, which runs the

Premiership team; Scribes

the Euro 96 championships.

the two million threshold.

almost two years. While the CBI's figures are

· lower than independent pay analysts' records of wage settlements throughout the economy - which are running at about 4 per cent — they do indicate the strong price pres-sures still bearing down on the Databank - a compilation of

manufacturing sector. More than a third of manufacturers in the CBI pay awards in manufacturing provisionally averaged 2.9 per cent for the three months study said that their inability to increase prices in very ending in October, compared with 3.3 per cent in the three tough competitive markets was a "major constraint" on months to July and 3.6 per cent for the same period a year pay awards. However, 25 per cent cited low profits as the ago. It brings the settlement principle factor, with slightly fewer pointing to the low rise figure to its lowest level for in living costs and low order books. Both these factors have risen in importance since the CBI's last Databank survey

three months ago. In the service sector, which independent analysts suggest is less well covered in the CBI's settlement figures, the Confederation says that wage awards are continuing at a stable level, with little sign of pay volatility since the start of the year. In the three months to October, service sector pay awards provisionally averaged 3.5 per cent, barely down from the 3.6 per cent for the

But current service sector pay levels are still higher than they were a year ago, when average deals were running at 2.9 per cent for the three months to October 1995.

The CBI's figures also confirm the trend in the official data on productivity, with productivity growth in CBI manufacturing companies falling back from 4.6 per cent in the second quarter of this year to 4.3 per cent now. But manufacturers still expect continuing strong productivity growth in the year ahead, at a

HIGH STREET banks will

hear this week whether they

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in disputes over Christmas

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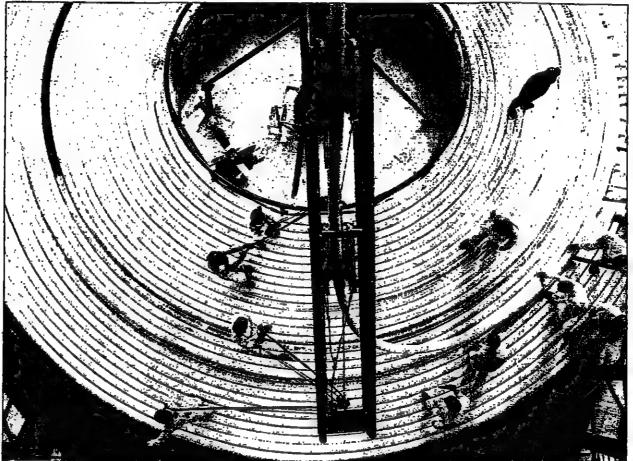
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Eve and New Year working.



UNDERSEA cable for the mainland link to the Isle of Wight being loaded on a ship at the BICC supertension cable facility on the Thames at Erith in Kent. The international cables and

construction group is to invest £25 million in expanding its extra highvoltage cable production facility at Erith. The investment will enable it to manufacture submarine cables at conmore for which there is a growing market. It involves a factory extension, new plant and facilities to transfer cable

Pemberstone facing 'coup'

AN accountant from Gloucestershire will today deliver a bloody nose to Pemberstone, the quoted property company, over its plans to buy out 34 property business expansion schemes that it manages.

At a shareholders' meeting in Birmingham, Bruce Lawson, who runs an accounting firm in Tenbury Wells, will use proxies from share-holders in Roman Rentals, which operates 34 BES schemes, to vote the chairman. Milton Psyllides, a partner at Eversheds, the legal firm, off

at plans by the banks to scrap the traditional Scottish bank

holiday on January 2 and

Sandy Boyle, Bifu's deputy

general secretary, said: "There

is no business case for opening branches and head office de-

A union spokesman said of

the two disputes: "Employers are nibbling away at our members' leisure time and

they are ignoring the family

nature of both Christmas and

The Scottish ballot result

will be announced today and

the NatWest Lloyds-TSB re-

partments on January 2."

switch it to a later date.

Banks to get result

of strike ballots

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

Mr Lawson, who has won support from shareholders, including David Arculus, managing director of Emap, and Rupert Faure Walker, a City merchant banker at Samuei Montagu, will then call an extraordinary meeting at which he will oust another of Roman's directors, Andrew Bruckland, who is managing director of Pemberstone, which manages Roman Rent-als through a subsidiary, In-dustries Management Mr Lawson will then start the process of selling the business-

es to property investors.

Japan agrees

insurance

deal with US

JAPAN and America have reached final agreement on

a deal to open up Japan's

\$400 billion insurance mar-

ket to greater international

competition, it was an-

nounced yesterday.

The deal will deregulate

Japan's primary life, proper-ty and casualty insurance markets, in which foreign

firms have a negligible share. It also delays the entry

of Japan's major insurance

groups into some sectors of the so-called "third market",

in which foreign companies have gained a foothold. This

sector includes specialty cov-

erage such as cancer, travel

and accident insurance.

made an offer to buy the remaining 34 Roman Rental companies, which were started as BES schemes to invest in starter homes in Flint, North Wales: Each company owns two starter homes valued in 1991 at £35,000 each. Pemberstone's offer was worth just £25,000 a home and it was also charging a 1.75 per cent commission for the offer. Mr Lawson contacted shareholders to reject the deal, which was dropped Pemberstone in October.

The battle started in Sep-

tember when Pemberstone

Mr Psyllides said that he would then consult shareholders as to how to go forward, but none of his actions has satisfied Mr Lawson. Since then Mr Lawson has been contacted by Neill Clerk, the stockbrokers, which has indi-cated it would offer £29,000 a home for Roman Rentals.

Mr Lawson has now received proxies from 176 of the 304 shareholders in Roman Rentals and another shareholder, David Haggett, who is the senior partner of Eversheds in Birmingham has agreed to abstain.

Northern bid battle enters final round

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

NORTHERN ELECTRIC and CE Electric, its hostile bidder, will today begin the final round of their fierce takeover battle. The fight, which is expected to be one of the closest-run bids for a regional electricity company, has until Friday lunchtime before the £782 million offer, or 650p an ordinary share, closes.

Both companies spent the and small shareholders. With a 17 per cent stake, small shareholders are poised to play an influential role. Prudential, Britain's largest investment group and Northern's largest shareholder

with an 11.5 per cent stake, has backed Northern's argument that CE Electric's bid undervalues the company. It has also gained the public support of Foreign & Colonial and the anonymous support of at least one other large institution.

CE Electric, the US group led by CalEnergy, has control of more than one third of Northern after it bought more than 29 per cent of shares in the market and received acceptances for more than 4 per cent. The bidder is not obliged to release further details of acceptances but is likely to do so if it gains significant takeup before Friday.

LME set to gain new powers of

The Securities and Investments Board, the City watchdog, is likely to grant the London Metal Exchange greater powers to investigate the dealings of its members on the unregulated over-thecounter metal market.

inquiry

in a report on the Sumitomo Yasuo Hamanaka, incurred losses of \$2.6 billion, set to be published this week, the SIB is also expected to call for a shake-up of the LME board. with a greater number of outside directors.

Changes proposed by the the most wide-ranging review of the LME in its 120 years.

Policy sales up

Standard Life, the mutual life and pensions company, yesterday reported a 43 per cent rise in total new premiums to £1.96 billion. Its new business figures for the year to November 15 show a 26 per cent rise in new annual premiums, to £189 million, and a 45 per cent increase in new single premiums, to £1.77 billion.

Standard Life said that although economic recovery lifted new business during the year, customers had also responded positively to Standard Life's new policies, which had been re-designed to produce higher early surrender

Aerodata offer

Aerodata, the Australian provider of geophysical data for oil exploration, is to make a mandatory cash offer for Scott Pickford, the UK geoscience

and engineering concern.
The offer, agreed at the weekend, will value each Scott Pickford share at 48p and the company at £6 million. The shares ended at 44p on Friday. A minority of Scott Pickford directors do not intend to recommend the offer.

The mandatory offer arises from a share exchange agreed between the two companies.

Stanhope cash

Stanhope Telecommunications, a distributor of the Personal Number Company's 07000 telephone numbers, is raising £850,000 of venture capital from GLE Development Capital and Lloyds Bank. Stanhope, one of the Personal Number Company's five regional associate dealers, has connected more than 2,000 personal numbers. It expects changes to London telephone numbers outlined by Oftel, the regulator, to increase business.

Jarvis deal

Jarvis Hotels, which floated in June, will today announce the £13.5 million purchase of the Carnarvon Hotel in west North Circular Road, has 176 bedrooms and conference and banqueting facilities.

The Banking Insurance and-Finance Union (Bifu) is balloting members in Scotland and at NatWest and Lloyds TSB in two separate disputes which could lead to strikes. TSB are unhappy at having to work on the afternoon of Christmas Eve and are being asked if they want to walk out

Venables: DTI battle

from noon. The union is also balloting its 16,000 members in Scotland on whether to strike on January 2 in protest

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WORD-WATCHING

(c) Perplexing or puzzling. A jocular English word of cod Latin. "How extremely quisquous," you observe, truthfully, as you read your Work Shadow's long trial article.

New Year."

(a) An agreement under which a feudal lord's tenant was bound to provide him, on request, with a day's reaping from the tenant's land. Instead of admitting that you will spend the weekend (as usual, boringly) gardening, you could try impressing your colleagues with your linguistic savoir dire on Friday by saying that you have to carry out wedbedrip for your wife.

ALPHAMERIC

(b) Made up of both letters and numbers. A portmanteau word made by packing together alphabetical quand numerical. The term is encountered sooner or later by all who use personal computers. "During this term James has made giant strides forwards in his handwriting, which is becoming almost alphanumeric."

(a) A medieval sleeveless tunic or jacket. Today worn only by heralds and pursuivants when they change out of their grey suits. It could be revived as an archaism for a T-shirt. "Do you have any Iron Maiden tabards for my son?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE ... Qxf?! 2 Rxf7 Ng3+! 3 hxg3 Rh6 and mate is inevitable

CHANGE ON WEEK THE POUND

US dollar

1.6580 (+0.0162) German mark 2.5641 (+0.0349) Exchange index 93.2 (+1.2) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

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Dated 16 December, 1996

UP SHICK I SO

s investors in the UK gilt market formulate their strategy for next year, the key question is whether the present phase of rapid growth will result in an overbeating of the economy during 1997, leading to higher inflation in 1998 and beyond. When we recently posed this question in the Goldman Sachs "Budget special", Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor of The Times, argued that there is only one

you must be joking. But this is no joking matter. Almost everyone is agreed that the economy will grow significantly faster than its long-term trend of 2.25 per cent in 1997, fuelled by a rapid increase in consumer spending. The Treasury is close to the consensus forecast in predicting GDP growth of 3.5 per cent and an increase in consumer spending of 4.25 per cent next year.

reasonable answer to this question:

The risks on consumer spending seem on the side of higher rather than lower growth. Increases in real takehome pay should be maintained at around a 3 per cent annualised rate over the next 12 to 18 months as average earnings growth edges up in response to a tightening labour market, income tax is cut, and inflation falls temporarily on the back of the stronger exchange rate.

Meanwhile, the pressures on the savings ratio are firmly downwards. Unemployment is falling sharply, the housing market is clearly recovering,

New year's resolution: learn from the lessons of the 1980s

and households are set to receive a continuous stream of building society windfalls equivalent to 3 per cent of personal disposable income next year. It is little wonder that consumer confidence has recovered to levels last seen in mid-1988, a time when consumer spending was growing in excess of 6 per cent in real terms.

Putting aside these upside risks to growth for a moment, the outlook for inflation will depend ultimately on the size of the output gap, that is the difference between the current level of GDP and the level of GDP which would be attained at "normal" levels of capacity utilisation and unemploy ment. Because potential output is unobservable, the output gap is notoriously difficult to measure.

According to the Treasury, the output gap in the economy is between zero and 3 per cent its central estimate is 1.5 per cent. If the Treasury is right then the economy should be able to grow by around 3.5 per cent next year without triggering higher inflation, although interest rates would still need to be high enough to get the economy to slow to around a

GILT-EDGED

this, there is a real risk that the economy will be unable to support such rapid growth next year without overheating. Developments in the labour market give pause for thought. ployment has fallen to 7.2 per cent of the workforce and vacancies have risen 40 per cent above their stable long-term trend, conditions last seen in 1988 when the economy was clearly operating above potential.

The tightening observed in the lahour market bees the question, has growth in the economy been stronger than recorded? One of the mistakes made by policymakers in the mid-1980s was to base policy decisions on GDP data which we now know were severely understated. The Office for National Statistics has found that during the upswing phase of the economic cycle, initial estimates of GDP have understated the annual growth of the economy by 0.8 per cent

Looking to business for prosperity

rom business, the message is clear: "Our culture has always

mercial elements, but in recent

times these seem to have

declined; now it is more gener-

ally accepted that the material

fortunes of us all, the school-

teacher and the artist as much

as the employee and share-

holder, depend on the success

The central importance of

business to the economy, and

to British society more broad-

ly, underlies an important new

examination of the role of

business in the UK to be launched in the new year.

Tony Blair will unveil a mutu-

al attempt by Labour and business to find a new rela-

tionship in advance of the

general election, with the sup-

port of the Confederation of

British Industry and the Insti-

tute of Directors. Adair

Turner, of the CBI, and Tim

Melville-Ross, from the IoD.

will be on the platform, along with a clutch of senior busi-

of British business."

had certain anti-com-

revisions are made to the preliminary estimates of GDP published in each uarter for the past three years, the level of GDP at the end of 1996 will eventually be shown to be around 3 per cent higher than currently estimated. On even the most optimistic projections, this means that the output gap could already have been At the very least these consider-

ations suggest that the authorities should be erring on the side of caution when setting monetary policy, particularly since underlying inlation has remained persistently above the Government's target. The long lags between interest rate changes and their impact on inflation mean that monetary policy decisions need to be taken well in advance to keep inflation under wraps. That was the mistake made in the 1980s. Monetary policy was only tightened in earnest from mid-1988, by which time inflation was already on a firmly rising path. Had action been taken carlier, many of the excesses of the late 1980s could have been avoided.

Another lesson to be learnt from the

port, though, lies in its links to

New Labour. Although the

commission strives to ensure

its work has been its own, the

Commission on Public Policy

and British Business will inev-

itably be seen as Labour and

business forging a pre-election link. In fact, at least some

members of the commission.

which has been headed with

scrupulous political neutrality by Professor George Bain, principal of the London Busi-

ness School, have been sur-

prised that the Labour leader's

team has been content with

interest in its work, rather

than any attempt to influence

it, believing that its value lies

precisely in its independence.

than was the Social Justice

s a result, the com-

mission's report is, if

anything, less closely

linked to Labour

Philip Bassett on a report seen as

central to future wealth creation

in modern Britain which, as

the opening quotation from its yet-unpublished report shows,

centrality of business to life in

The commission — original-

ly a Labour idea but carried

out with scrupulous, though

sometimes strained, indepen-

dence by the Institute for

Public Policy Research, a centre-left think-tank with

links to Mr Blair - already

carries a weight of expectation.

mission is operating is already

crowded: three White Papers

from the Government with

work on the fourth already

under way, two recent busi-

ness statements from Labour,

the extensive Tomorrow's

Company programme from

the Royal Society of Arts.

hearings and analyses from

The field in which the com-

in no doubt about the

1980s is that it is a mistake to ignore warning signals from a number of reliable leading indicators of inflation. With hindsight, there were ample warning signals during 1986 and especially 1987 of the need for a tightening in monetary policy. Now, as then, most forward indicators of inflation crush as more than the control of t inflation, such as monetary growth. house prices, consumer con and labour market conditions, point to the risk of a sustained rise in inflation in 12-18 months' time. None of these indicators in isolation would necessarily give much cause for concern. Taken together, though, the alarm bells should be ringing loudly in the corridors of the Treasury and

the Bank of England.

If the authorities fail to act prompt ly to head off these incipient inflation pressures, they risk a mini re-run of the boom-bust cycle of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Problems with inflation are unlikely to be seen in 1997, not least because of the dampening effect from the 12 per cent rise in the exchange rate this year. However, base rates are likely to have to rise to around 74 per cent over the next six to nine months to hold down inflation in 1998 and beyond. In the rising base rate environment of the next few months gilts are likely to deliver poor returns both in absolute terms and

DAVID WALTON

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It is set to accept the argu-

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deed, the commission held

talks with his Cabinet Office

Competitiveness Unit — that Britain has a long tail of

underperforming firms,

which drags down overall

business performance.
It is likely to argue that
Britain has failed to adopt best

business practice, has under-

invested in innovation, research and physical capital, and in failing to mobilise people's potential properly —

especially in education and

training, and crucially in respect of long-term unemploy-

ment - the UK has created for

itself an economic drag anchor

The commission is expected

to take aim at the Govern-

ment, too, arguing that British

companies have been hin-

dered for decades by the

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with macroeconomic insta-

bility, exacerbated by govern-

ment policy errors, the most damaging of all, but in areas

such as taxation, transport

and investment in science,

government has "let business

Its expected criticisms of

government, though, will be

studiously non party-political.

not seeking to blame either

Conservative or Labour ad-

ministrations. It is likely to

suggest that the Conserva-

tives' 1980s programme of market liberalisation was nec-

essary, though it may well be sceptical that all the high social costs associated with

such changes were inevitable.

pected to say the central problems for Britain are no longer those of the 1980s, including

overregulated labour, product

and financial markets, but that

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Even newer testament

The Greatest Story Ever Told. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

As this story of Jesus, from Annunciation to Ascension, is performed As this story of Jesus, from Annunciation to Ascension, is performed by the National Theatre of Brent, you know what to expect. You won't be disappointed. Desmond Olivier Dingle (aka Patrick Barlow) and Wallace (aka Jim Broadbent) play all the parts, disputatiously sharing the role of Jesus. The New Testannent has undergone some subtle changes "Better be on my way — no peace for the wicked, ha ha" says (I think) Broadbent's Jesus. Synonymously. Pilate's wife is called co-pilot, while "divers diseases" are identified as the bends. As written (by Barlow, Broadbent and Martin Duncan) and as acted, this is an amalgam of Python's Life of Brian, the Goons, Morecambe and Wise and a York Mystery play performed by village idiots.

These entries from Fraser Harrison's published diary are not as inconsequential as they sound at first. They accurately define the sweet and sour nature of parents' relationships with their chidren. The wisdom can often be surreal. "When I was in Mummy's tummy," said Tilly, sister of Jack and the first-born. "I hugged Jack's egg and said Tity, sister of Jack and the first-born, "I nugged Jack's egg and kept it warm." Jack believed old people were got rid of in nursing homes by being shot. And when he reached the (to him) advanced age of five, he told his Dad: "You'll be dead soon, now that I'm five." Brother and sister, now grown-ups, complement their father's memories with their memories of him.

Peter Davalle

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7.00 am Chris Evans, includes Newsbeat and a Traffic Update with Tina Richia 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Lisa Harms 8.00. Serrich Wayo 12.00 Lists
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Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 John
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Manchester 12.00 Claire Sturgess, inchades at 12.15 mm. The Net 4.00 Claire
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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Ruse 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Gramm Dene 1.00pen Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FIII) / Robin Banks (AM) 16.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am

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Police: Skocna. The Bartered Bride); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 19, Bk 1); Suk (Serenade for strings)

Musical Encounters.
Includes Schutz (Jauchzet

dam Hann); Elger (Dream Children); Fuchs (Serenad E minor, Op 21); Bach (Magnificat in D with Christmas interpolations BWV243); Warlock (As Dew in

BWV243); Warlock (As Dew in Aprylle)

12.00 Composers of the Week:

Enter Character and Henri Dupare. Roger Nichols explores the world of Ernest Chausson and Henri Dupare, who were Intends in fin-desides Paris

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. London Winds, Pascal Roge, piano. Barber (Summer Music, Op 31); Poulenc (Sedet); Ludwig Thuille (Sedet, Op 6)

2.10 The BBC Continues. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra

Scatish Symphony Orchestra under Joseph Swensen, with Marte McLauphilin, soprano Voteses, tein Burratice introduces a recital by the Caractian tenor Michael

by planiet David Syrus. Includes Beathoven (Adelaide, Op 48; An die Ferne Gellebte, Op 94);

Schwestergruss; Der Jüngling an der Quelle: Der

the last programms in the series, John Surman introduces exemples of barrione players active today including Americans Pornie Cuber, Howard Johnson and Jim Hantog, and Briton Julian Amuelles. Argustes
5.90 The Music Machine. Tommy

Pearson explores the history of Christmas music S.15 In Turns, Includes Michael Sectory (Weltz of the Plowers, The Netropoletic Transfer, The Netropoletic Sector (Transfer, The Netropoletic)

Nutcracker) Cleveland Orchestre, under Christoph von Dohnanyi. Christoph von Dohnami.
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(Prelude, Act 1, Lohengrin);
Schustrann (Symphony No 1
in B flat, Spring)

3.15 Farmers de Cilida. Elaine
Showatter compares women's
lives at the end of the last
century with those at the and

century with those at the end of our own (1/5)
9.40 Muffer and Pacheton,
Herpsichord music, Including
Muffet (Toccata in G minor);

Muffal (Toccata in G minor);
Pachelbel (Chaconne in D)
19.00 Ememble. Beethover The of
London. Haydn (String Trio in
G, Op 53 No 1); Taneyev
(String Trio in D, Op 31)
19.45 Mibting It, with Mark Russell
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Robert Strapson (r)
12.30am Jacz Mofies
1.00 Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod

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the Commons' all-party Trade ness figures, for the launch of the long-awaited report from and industry Select Committhe Commission on Public tee, Cadbury, Greenbury, Policy and British Business. Hampei, and so on. This is a study by business The distinctiveness of the

Commission, which was closely linked to John Smith, the late Labour leader. That is not to say, though, that the Blair significant. Close advisers to Mr Blair - whose policy head, David Milliband, is a former IPPR alumnus and was the Social Justice Commission's secretary - believe that its findings, and especially the unanimity of views from business that they encompass, will be vital in setting out the central importance to Labour of wealth creation, just as the Social Justice Commission mapped out new proposals on wealth distribution. Guided by Gerald Holtham, the former City economist who is the IPPR's director, and its secretary, Simon Milner, on secondment from the LSE, the commission has found common ground and agreement on a range of sometimes highly contentious issues, es-

pecially for business, including the social chapter and the minimum wage. sion is very far from some kind of pro-Blair lineup. While it in-cludes Labour luminaries such as the Labour

peer Lord Hollick, its business base is widespread and rigorous, and includes George Simpson, managing director at GEC, Bob Bauman, chairman space. Sir Christopher Harding from Legal & General, and

David Sainsbury, chairman of the supermarket group. The commission's report will include an analysis of Britain's competitiveness problems, and policy recommendations aimed at righting them. Labour is likely find some of its proposals difficult, including the suggestions on corporate taxation. reported by The Times today. Others, including its endorse-

ment of a minimum wage, will be considered problematic in

some sectors.

But few will disagree with its central aim - what its report will call its "vision of a more prosperous Britain". It is expected to argue that while this vision is within Britain's grasp, achieving it will require a reversal of the UK's "tendency to underperform". It is likely to insist that while Britain's underperformance is relative, and that the UK as a nation is now richer than it has ever been, it will show that for most of the last century



George Simpson: GEC

likely to wreak the damage to British industry that the Government has claimed. They are likely to propose legislative changes to reform Britain's corporate governance, adopting many of the arguments of the proponents of stakeholderism - including a move towards two-tier company structures by suggesting the adoption of a system of voting and non-voting shares. roing and non-voting shares.
They will talk of a universal right to employee consultation, though they will hold back from a fully regulatory approach to company takeovers.

Like the political parties, beginner is now benefice itself.

business is now bracing itself for the election campaign, and its outcome; and the commission's forthcoming report will be a key part of that politicalbusiness argument.

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RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 6.40 The Christmas Truce 8.58

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Weather
9.00 Mems; Dear Diary. See
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10.00 Delity Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni
Murray. All this week, a
selection of alternative English
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with potted trout and salmon
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580
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12.00 News; You and Youne
12.25pm Noel Coward — from
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Simpson, by Elizabeth
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former King will mean. With
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Barbera Leigh-Hunt (3/3) Christopher Cazenove and Barbara Leigh-Hunt (3/3) \$.00 Tim Alternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscop Lynne Walker looks at a collection of books on

gardens
4.45 Short Story: Locum, by
Dawn Lowe-Walson. Read by
Serah Jane Holm. At
Christmas in 1944, a young
locum is sent to deputise at a
practice in the Lake District
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55
Weather

6.00 Str O'Clack News 6.30 Fm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. The Arts Theatre in The Arts Theatre in Cambridge is the setting for the final show-down in the saries. With Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Cryer, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, Are food intolerances and allergies on the increase? (r)
7.45 The National Theorem The In the Greatest Story Ever Told, See Choice

Ever Told. See Choice 9.00 A Human Touch. An exploration of changing attitudes to the body, through the eyes of a mother and 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

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19.90 The World Tonight, with Isskel Hillion
10.46 Book at Beetlines The Great Pursuit, by Tom Sharps. Read by Willie Rushton (6/10) Sentimental Journey.

11.00 Sentimental Journey.
Romie Scott tours the New
York jazz scane recaling the
days that inspired him to
open this femous club. With
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11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30 Airport. Last in the series of
steriches set in an airport.
With Roger Griffiths (r)
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12.00 News Incl 12.27em approx
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Fathers and sons agreeing, finally, to differ

less likely volunteer for a spot of television therapy than Keith Allen is difficult trash the Groucho Club with a to imagine. Allen, you see, is a hard case, both on and off the screen, just as likely to turn up in a diary paragraph detailing his latest wild carousings as he is in the credits of Martin Chuzzlewit or Shallow Grave. If you can't quite place his face, think scary. Yeah, you've got him - cropped hair. magnetic stare and a beguiling growl of a voice that signals

serious trouble. That's Keith Allen. Or rather that was Allen until last night's Travels with My Camera (Channel 4) got hold of him. Suddenly, the master of menace was all babbling therapyspeak, off on a week-long pilgrim-age with his father. Eddie, "to talk about the problem of absent parents", "to go back and trigger a few memories" and to recognise the importance of " never losing the boy within".

straight face again? There was worse, however, to come. Before the programme was out, Allen would shed tears (well, at least one) and tell us how much he loved his old dad. The professional hard case, it appears, has a distinctly soft centre. Ah, isn't that nice. And so close to Christmas too.

This voyage of very personal self discovery could have been, indeed should have been, excruciating... The fact that it wasn't was down to Allen's rougue-ish charm, his father's pained sincerity and the cracking story the pair of them had to relate — the tale of Allen junior's near definitive mis-spent youth.

Taking a film crew with them (a

sensible precaution given the programme's title) they visited the submarines that kept Eddie away from home for so long, the public school in Essex that Keith won a

It was all very disconcerting. naval scholarship to only to get expelled a term or two later and an overcast Llanelli, where in the bosom of his extended family, he began a dual career as an apprentice lithographic printer and "the most useless thick on the planet. After that, it was mainly borstals.

> Tather and son agreed about virtually nothing as a dis-cussion with a group of young offenders made clear. "The joke is," explained Keith, "I've become a right reactionary Tory git and he's become Mr Liberal."
> Just to prove it, he went off to shout at his own son, Alfie, for failing to do his math's homework properly: You can do it, it's just you're boneidle." This, from a man who could still recall the devastating impact of one of his father's tuts of disapproval, was painful to watch.
> Alfie, however, had his revenge,
> confirming — as perhaps the

> whole film had - that it is the

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ous edge his relationship with destiny of all men to turn into their fathers. As it all got a bit tearful, Daphne (Jane Leeves) has acafter Eddie had surprised everybody by confessing that he too had been in trouble with the police first

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once), his son and grandson sat on a cliff staring reflectively out to sea. "Dad..." began Alfie, "do you think you're self-centred?" Lovely. David Hyde Pierce is about as far away from Keith Allen as it possible for an actor to be. As the

(Channel 4, Friday) he's more a soft case with a positively gooey centre. But he has his moments, as the two episodes that marked the end of the current series showed. Parked two blocks away from Seattle's apparently dangerous dock area, Niles maintained a state of constant vigilance. "I've been wearing my 'I'm dangerous face face for so long, it's beginning to hurt." Then there was the new danger-

quired, courtesy of a row sparked and this is difficult to explain by the cost of removing a fleck of ie gras from a Jackson Pollock. "Mama, that was glorious," he subsided, "I think I still have some of her spittle on my forehead," The development of Niles and Daphne as characters and the

performances of Hyde Pierce and Leeves therein are two of the

scene-stealing Niles in Frazier reasons why this long-running somewhat forgotten French phocomedy had risen to new heights in this series. Another is the writing, which has maintained a standard that puts most British sitcoms to shame. "Why is it so easy to love our

family and so difficult to like them," moaned Daphne, as she wrestled with the choice between a duty trip back to Manchester or the pursuit of pleasure in Acapulop. That's one of the questions that makes life so rich ... " replied Frazier (the superlative Kelsey Grammer), "... and psychologists even richer."

That, in a round about sort of way, was also one of the questions addressed by TX: Dreamgirls — The Photographs of Gny Bourdin (BBC2, Saturday). Bourdin's mother had red hair and wore lots of make up, which is why - according to a whole host of witnesses - this

tographer spent the 1970s photographing women with red hair, make-up and, apart from an obligatory pair of high heels, very little else. What Helmut Newton did - indeed still does - in black and white, Bourdin did in colour. Or as one follower put it: "His work was like candy ..., with sex."

Another expert recalled how he used to rush to buy French Vogue every month: "just to see how the battle between Bourdin and Newton was going". Of course he did. The fact that both men were exploring the limits to which sadomasochistic sexual imagery could be used in fashion photography at the time was quite incidental.

Nicola Roberts's good-looking film was fascinating for about half an hour but ran out of steam. photographs and biographical deiail badly after that. It can't really all have been his mother's fault can it?

6.00em BUSINESS BREAKFAST (21784) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (52055) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (1899974) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4772393) 9.45 KILROY (8435142)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK with Ainsley Harriott (21500) 11.00 NEWS (1) regional news and weather (3135326)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW Consumer advice (5136239) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (2783090)

12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6270023) 12.05pm QUINCY (3245887) 12.50 THE WEATHER SHOW (30545784) 1.00 NEWS (f) and weather (55142) 1.30

Regional News (78270910) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (1) (29586326) 2.00 Call My Bluff (5245) 2.30 Who'll Do The Pudding? Last in the series (806) 3.00 Incognito (1852)

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5.35 NEIGHBOURS (f) (T) (541448) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weathter (535) 5,30 REGIONAL NEWS (B87)

7.00 TELLY ADDICTS Noel Edmonds hosts the final of the light-hearted television

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD Includes a report on the first successful breeding of fish in space (T) (871)

8,00 EASTENDERS Tifferry takes control at the Vic (T) (2581)

8.30 CHEFI As Gareth struggles to come to terms with his talled mantage, his talled. arrives to rub sait in his woonds (T) (4516) 9,00 NEWS (T); regional news and weather

9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE Grim goes on the trail of some dangerous carol singers (r) (1) (33887) 10,00 BILLY CONNOLLY'S WOMED TOUR

OF AUSTRALIA reaches its climax in Darwin (T) (847513) 10.40 COMIMON AS MUCK Cornedy drama

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about a crew of dustmen (r) (T) (813622) 11.40 FILM 98 WITH BARRY NORMAN Includes reviews of Evits starring Medonne, Surviving Picesso starring Anthony Hopkins, Dsylight: starring Sylvester Statione, and Metida, based on Proset Dahl's children's tale starring and Ploald Dahi's children's tale, starring and directed by Danny DeVito, Plus, Kenneth Branagh talks about his four-hour adaptation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, due for release in the new year (1) (795142) 12.10am SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Chat show highlights (8648889)

12.55 FILM: Slege at Marion (1992) starring Ed Begley Jr., Dennis Franz and Tess Harper Dramatic tale about members of a Mormon sect who refuse to back down when one their leaders is killed by the police while being arrested. Directed by Charles Haid (3315765) 2.25 WEATHER (9145758)

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1.15 PRLM: Fenny by Gestight (1948, b/w)
Turn-of-the-cantury melodrama starring
Phyllis Calvert, James Meson and Wilfrid
Lawson, Directed by Anthony Asquith

3.00 NEWS (T) and weether (7972326) 3.05 THE NATURAL WORLD (1) (2389264)

3.55 NEWS (T) and weather (6848332). 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (500) 4.30 Reedy, Steady, Cook (784) 5.00 Eather (1229) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (264) 6.00 Space Precinct (983887)

6.45 AS SEEN ON TV (r) (406142) 7.00 1914-18: Collapse (b/w) Germany mounts a last desperate offenaive and the Allied armies are boosted by the arrival of the Americans (T) (189429)

7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (b/w) HORIZON: Howir's Flood Two geologists travel to the Black Sea to unveil the results of a 30-

year investigation into whether the biblical floods actually occurred (T) (786697) 8.50 GARDENERS' WORLD TAKE TWO Feeturing Derek Jarman's sessicle gerden at Dungeness (T) (906887)



Clare Holmen as a new MP (9.00cm)

WICKED WOMEN: Gridge Tongue Satistical comedy. Newly-elected MP Jessie Flekting introduces a Bill to end hunting. A supporters gather on both sides, her past comes back to haunt her. With Clare Holman (T) (1697)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (1) (815177) 11.15 LOOKING FOR TAT New five-part series about London's homeless (263968) 11.26 PICTURE THIS (670264) WALES: Shot in a Shoebook

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (15098) 12.30 m THE LEARNING. ZONE: Open-University: Representing the People (42814) 1.30 Å Level Playing Field? (72456) 2.00 Believing: The Long Search/Faith to Faith (99307) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (90949) 4.30 Defeating Disease (48543) 5.00 Pathways to Care (21746) 5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (16727)

CHOICE

Horizon: Nouh's Flood

BBC2, 8.00pm Two colourful Americans, Walter Pitman and Bill Ryan, with a little help from some colleagues, set off to find the scientific justification for the great hiblical flood. Did the Old Testament story of Noah really happen and, if so, when and where? More happen and, if so, when and where? More than 7,500 years after the supposed event, you would hardly expect a definitive answer. For all their scholarly know-how, Pitman and Ryan are often driven back on speculation. But they are an entertaining pair, never guilty of taking themselves too seriously, and as they travel to the Black Sea, putative site of a great flood in around 5,600 BC, the excitement of their detective work is BC. the excitement of their detective work is palpable. It makes a constantly absorbing film and one which is not afraid to carry the views of experts who challenge Pitman and Ryan and suggest that they may be verging on the world of fantasy.

Wicked Women: Giving Tougue BBC2, 9.00pm

Emma Fortune's political satire may be Emma Fortune's political sature may be taking a chance by assuming that Labour will win the next election. But once the premise is accepted, everything flows logically. Clare Holman plays Jessie, a bright new Labour MP who introduces a Private Member's Bill to ban hunting. It hardly seems a political earthquake until the Government uses the measure to take on the House of Lords and a constitutional crisis. House of Lords and a constitutional crisis looms. Meanwhile it emerges that our cool young heroine has had a sexually compromising past which, if revealed, could cover her with embarrassment. As Jessie tries to manipulate her way out of trouble Fortune piles on the irony. Charlotte Coleman co-stars as Jessie's childhood friend and Warren Clarke essays a wonderful cameo as a cynical Commons cierk.

Secret Lives: Enid Bivton Channel 4. 9.00pm

Enid Blyton is ripe for demolition, and if the job has been done before (not least on television) the story never pails. For newcomers it goes like this. Blyton was as prolific as she was successful, banging out 10,000 words a day on a battered typewriter and entrancing generations of children with her simple, wholesome tales of bappy family life. Her own life, however, was nothing like the image she so carefully projected. She had little time for her own children, who were tatle time for her own criticen, who were shipped off to namnies and boarding schools. Her younger daughter says she hardly knew who her mother was. After the marriage broke up the girls' father never saw them again. A particularly spiteful streak in Blyton was putting people who angered her as baddies in her stories. And she shocked her gardener by playing tennis in the nude.

The Preventura ITV. 10.40om

An Australian media tycoon called Roger An Austranan metha tycoon called Roger Stavro Mordick (who could they possibly be thinking off) is trying to brainwash television viewers into thinking it is the 1960s. He must be stopped. Enter The Preventers, a team of troubleshooters played by Morwenna Banks, Chris England and Robert Harley. They also wrote this spoof of 1960s action shows, such as The Champions and The Avengers, which comes to the screen by way of the Edinburgh Fringe and Radio 4. The challenge for such a project is to parody something which already has its tongue in its cheek. If this sometimes proves difficult, Banks and company have captured the slick visual style of the original as well as the banalities of its dialogue. In a nice in-joke, William Gaunt, once of The Champions, plays the trio's controller. Peter Waymark plays the trio's controller. Peter Ways

6.00am GMTV (7821061) MONKEYS (T)(4766332) 9,50 STEP BY STEP (1) (2724429)

10.20 NEWS (3549142) 10L25 REGIONAL NEWS (3548413) 10.30 DANIELLE STEEL'S HEARTBEAT (1) (23216142)

12.10pm DAFFY DUCK (9276142) 12.20 REGIONAL NEWS (7797777) 12.30 NEWS (9654806)

12.55 CORONATION STREET (T) (9320055) 2.00 Home and Away (T) (89883500) 2.25 Dr Quim, Medicine Woman (r) (9210055)

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6,25 HTY NEWS (T) (609968) 7.00 THE LIST (1429)

7,30 CORONATION STREET Roy feels pressured by Alec (T) (239) 8.00 SURVIVAL: Mountains of the Snow Leopard — the Prize Concluding the two-part journey to Mongolla in search of some of the world's most endangered species (T) (1167)

8.30 Fit.M: Police Academy 2 — Their First Assignment (1985) with Steve Guttenberg and Bubba Smith. The recruits are assigned to the toughest precinct in town. Directed by Jerry Paris (T) (44806) 10.00 NEWS (1) and weather (11177)



Harley, Benks and England (10.40pm)

THE PREVENTERS Comedy spool about an elite learn of troubleshooters (1) (837448) 11.10 JUSTIN KERRIGAN: PORTRAIT OF A **DIRECTOR** (720719)

11.40 FRANKE HOWERD AT HIS TITTERMOST Frankle Howerd's las stage in Birmingham in 1991 (223055) 12.55am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (3158901)

1.30 FILM: CASEY'S SHADOW (1978) starring Walter Matthau, Andrew & Ruber and Stephen Burns. Heartwarming family drama about an insciple Louisiana horse trainer bettles to being his three young children alone. Directed by Martin Filt 3,40 JONES AND THE JURY (58868123)

4.00 Coach (87475)4.30 The Time ... The Place (r) (40369) 5.00 An invitation To Remember (r) (40369) 5.30 News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9566897) 1.25 SIMPLY DELICIOUS (30280158) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29553429) 2,20-3,20 BLUE HEELERS (6363697) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7218429) 6,25 CENTRAL NEWS (609968) 7,00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (1429) 11.10 Film: DEAD RECKONING (720719) 1.00am FOOTBALL LEAGUE (7584920) 1.45 CUSTOMS CLASSIFIED (4781456)

2.35 JONES AND JURY (4647494) 2.50 Film: SHADOW OF THE EAGLE 759833) 4.35 CYBER.CAFE (79768340)

WESTCOUNTRY

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7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (1429) 11.10 MERIDIAN WORKS (184852) 11.40 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (948177) 12.35am THE ENTERTAINERS (8021814)

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CHANNEL 4

6.30mm TAKE FIVE (13622)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (41993) 9.00 FILM: FDR -- THE LAST YEAR (1980) Jason Robards stars in this biopic charting the final year in the life of President Rooseveril Directed by Anthony Page (T) (857448)

12.00 RIGHT TO REPLY (I) (T) (97090) 12.30pm A Box Full of Stories (39081) 1.00 Sesame Street (34516) 2.00 FILM: Diane (1955) Costume drama

staming Lana Turner and Roger Moore. Directed by David Miller (8806) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (968) 4.30 Countdown (T) (852) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (T) (2382177) 5.45 Pond

Life (T) (331158) 8.00 MOVIEWATCH Reviews of Roald Dahi's Matikia, Surviving Picasso and the thriller Daylight (245)

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (697) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (823351)

7.55 THE SLOT (599584) 8.00 DESPERATELY SEEKING

SOMETHING Pete McCarthy meets an atternative Christian group catled the Summit Lighthouse. Last in the series (T)

8,30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Reports made by holidaymakers from Memphis, Switzerland and Tenerife. Last in series (T) (4326)



Enid Blyton unmasked (9pm)

SECRET LIVES: Enid Blyton The renowned child ran's author claimed her books were inspired by her own happy childhood and idyllic marriage but the programme reveals the truth about her unhappy private life (T) (9535)

10.00 HOMICIDE - LIFE ON THE STREET (T) (2622) 11.00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG

MATCH (441719) 12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (4577123) 1.20 BLOOD, SWEAT AND GLORY A history of sport. Tonight, athletics and the Olympic movement (r) (5494814)

1,50 FILM: Three Hours To Kill (1954) starring Dana Andrews and Donna Reed A cowboy about to be lynched for murder is given one last chance to find the real killer. Directed by Alfred Werker (5630814)

3.15 FILM: The Lone Wolf Strikes (1940, b/w) Fast-moving thaller starting Warren William and Joan Perry A reformed jewel thei goes in search of a pearl necklace that has been stolen from an herress Directed by Sidney Salkow (3803346) 4.30 FILM: Permanent Vacation (1982) starring Chris Parker and Lelia Gastil. A

young man learns about life as he wanders the streets of New York Directed by Jim Jarmusch (9638494). Ends at 5.45

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK



Merrill Christmas to you: Merrill Lynch, the merchant bank, opened its doors yesterday to 400 of London's senior citizens, allowing them to make phone calls to friends and relatives around the world for up to 30 minutes at a time. Among them were left to right, Chelsea pensioners Tom Scott, Edward Brassington, Jack Judge and Jim Neay

Delta talks collapse

MERGER talks between Delta Airlines and Conti-nental Airlines, which would have created the world's largest carrier, have collapsed (Richard Thomson writes).

Continental, the fifth

largest airline in the US, approached Delta the third largest, last week about a deal. However, the failure of the talks leaves Continental looking vuinerable and seeking other possible partners.

The planned partnership between British Airways and American Airlines, which was given conditional approval by the UK authorities last week, is causing concern in the US airline Industry. Gordon Bethune. Continental's chairman, said a BA-AA merger would cause con-solidation in the industry.

Continental emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection less than years ago and is still regarded as one of the weakest of the main airline companies. Merger with Delta would have created a company with a quarter of the US air market but Continental is now likely to find a smaller airline with which to merge.

McDonnell Douglas and Boeing in \$13bn merger

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BOEING and McDonnell Douglas, the US aircraft manufacturers, have agreed to a \$13.3 billion merger to form the world's largest aerospace company, in a move that poses a major challenge to Airbus Industrie, the European

The deal creates a company with 200,000 employees, sales of around \$50 billion a year, with more than a 50 per cent share of the world's commercial airline market and a combined order book of more than \$100 billion.

Harry Stonecipher, chief executive of McDonnell Douglas, said: "This transaction puts together a focused, broadly based aerospace company with extraordinary capabili ties in commercial and military aircraft, and defence and

Mr Stonecipher, who will move from his company's base in St Louis to Seattle, Boeing's headquarters, will be chief operating officer of the merged company, responsible for day-

to-day operations.
Phil Condit, chief executive of Boeing, will be chairman and chief executive. The allpaper deal will give 0.65 Boeing shares for each Mc-Donnell Douglas share, valuing the deal at \$13.3 billion. Mr Condit said that he did not expect major anti-trust problems because the businesses of the companies were largely

Mr Condit said the companies had been discussing a merger for three years but a deal was finally hammered out last Tuesday. The mar-riage was prefigured two weeks ago in a co-operation agreement in which several thousand McDonnell Douglas employees would help to develop two new versions of Boeing's 747 aircraft.

The new company will be the world's largest manufacturer of commercial and military aircraft. Although Boeing been building up military aircraft capability, the acquisition of McDonnell Douglas, the largest military aeropiane maker, will push it ahead of its rivals.

McDonnell Douglas makes the F/A-18 fighter, the C-17 Globemaster transport plane and the AH-64 Apache helicopter. There are no plans at this stage to stop manufacturing its commercial airliners.
The deal is not primarily

ings but by the need to solve the different problems of each company. McDonnell Douglas, the world's third-largest aircraft maker, has suffered several blows this year, including being dropped from the bidding to build a new fighter aircraft for the Pentagon. It also announced that it was abandoning the development of a commercial airliner because of the high costs. Many in the industry believe the company would have had to scale back its traditional menufacturing and find a new role if it had not merged.

Boeing, meanwhile, has enjoyed remarkable success in attracting new business. It is one of the bidders for the new fighter contract, but it has also attracted orders this year for more than 650 commercial workforce might not be big enough to fill the orders in time. Its co-operation agreement with McDonnell Douglas was designed partly to solve this problem.

For Boeing, the deal follows its purchase three months ago of Rockwell, an aerospace and defence group. It comes after a series of large mergers in the US defence industry prompted by the fall in spending after the end of the Cold War.



Condit chairman and chief executive of merged company



Stonecipher: to be responsible for day-to-day operations | the upper limit of the Govern-

Business wants anti-investment tax bias to end

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders are to propose radical reforms to Britain's corporate tax system in an attempt to remove what they see as a clear fiscal bias against investment, which is holding back the UK's economic competitiveness. The proposal is one of a

range of yet-unpublished recommendations business leaders will make after a 21-month study of the role of business and public policy. The report of the Commission on Public Policy and British Business will be published next month. The commission will put

forward measures aimed at improving Britain's business performance, including legislation to reform the running of Britain's companies incorporating a move towards two-tier boards; acknowledgement that become ledgement that Europe's social chapter and a national minimum wage will not be damaging to industry in the way hat the Government claims; and a universal right to employee consultation.

The commission, set up by the centre-left institute for

Public Policy Research, a think-tank with close links to Tony Blair, comprises key leaders of British business, among them George Simpson of GEC. Bob Bauman, BAe chairman, and David Sainsbury. Their report, Promoting Prosperity, will be critical of government policy, arguing that instability in economic policymaking has been a milistone around the neck of British business". But it will be sceptical about Labour promises to end Britzin's boom-bust economic cycle.

Labour leaders are also likely to be uneasy with the commission's proposals on re-forming corporate taxation. While the commission will argue that overall underinvestment in the UK cannot be blamed solely on the gener-al level of business taxation, it will suggest that the tax system encourages institutional shareholders to take dividends rather than look to capital gains from retained earnings and investment.

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Britain getting it right, says OECD

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is set to enjoy a virtuous combination of healthy growth and falling unemployment, coupled with low inflation, according to the latest economic outlook from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Develop-ment, to be published in full later this week

The only cloud on Britain's economic horizon is the state OECD notes that fiscal consolidation has been proceeding relatively slowly and that significant further progress will have to be made if the Government's aim of a balanced budget in the medium term is to be achieved.

The OECD seems to be taking a relatively sanguine view of prospects for monetary policy. It assumes that inflation will be below 2.5 per cent,

ment's target range, in each of the coming two years. This can be achieved, according to the assumptions of the OECD secretariat, with only a further small rise in base rates in the second half of 1997 to lock in low inflation levels. This, it said, would be a prudent response to above-trend growth over the next two years.

The OECD is predicting and 3.0 per cent in 1998, faster than the US, Japan, Germany, France and Italy. Of the Group da betters this forecast performance, with growth of 3.3 per cent in both 1997 and 1998. The OECD predicts that

British unemployment could fall to below 7 per cent in 1998. still not low enough to ignite wage pressures.

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Mega headache for Airbus

EUROPEAN aerospace and defence companies will be alarmed at yet another American mega merger (Carl Mortished writes). The prospect of aggressive cost-cutting McDonnell Douglas civil aircraft operations will be a major challenge to Airbus Industrie.

European defence com-panies, already dwarfed by last year's merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta, also now face another huge defence combine. In August, Boeing acquired Rockwell International's defence business and is competing with Lockheed Martin to build the Joint Strike Fighter. The merger with McDonnell

THE new owner of the BBC's

transmission service is to be

revealed as early as today. The

betting is that International CableTel, the American cable

company, will emerge as the

victor with an offer of more

than £200 million. CableTel owns NTL, former-

ly the Independent Broadcast-

ing Authority, the only competitor to the BBC's trans-

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said that merging the networks

would allow it to reduce costs, a

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The Department of National

Heritage is expected to approve

the BBC's choice, but it is known to be sensitive to criticism that selling to CableTel

would eliminate competition in

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subsidise a high bid.

Douglas will bring with it the maker of the F-15 and F/A-18

A Boeing/McDonnell merger will be a spur to the partners of Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent interest, to rationalise their cumbersome venture. Airbus has 30 per cent of the civil aircraft market but the merger of the first and third largest player should create large economies of scale. Both Boeing and Airbus plan a new 500-plus seater aircraft to succeed the Jumbo. Boeing plans a cheap stretched version of its 747-400 but Airbus is starting from

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BY ERIC REGULY

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Airbus is not a company but an economic interest grouping in which the partners Aérospatiale of France, BAe, Daimler-Benz Aerospace and Casa of Spaint separately bid for work. Talks are on to turn the loose manufacturing association into a separate quoted company, but valuing and transferring assets to Airbus would take two years. Like-wise, consolidation in Europe's defence industry is a political nightmare. The French Government recently scrapped a plan to sell Thomson, the defence electronics group, to

Euro 'will cost banks \$7bn a year'

Securicor, the telecoms and

sale to help to fund the launch of digital terrestrial television.



IN BUSINESS

JANET BUSH looks at the ins and outs of monetary union after the Dublin summit

BY JANET BUSH

THE global banking industry stands to lose \$7 billion in revenue a year from the European single currency, accord-ing to the Union Bank of Switzerland. In the latest edition of its

employee newsletter, UBS argues that the single currency

will undercut revenues not only from foreign exchange trading but also from money and bond markets, assuming lower and more stable interest rates. Costs will also rise as banks cope with a dual currency as the euro is phased in. In another paper for the Centre for the Study of Finan-tial Innovation, David Lascelles suggests investment in new systems and technology could wipe out six years of cost savings forecast from having the single currency. The Bank of England is today publishing another report on prepara-

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Relax, the shopping haven has arrived



Egg. shop, art gallery and nurturing space

t is late afternoon in Belgravia. A traffic warden wanders down Elizabeth Street, tucked between the twin society poles of Sloane Square and Eaton Square. It is drizzling, it is dark, and there is little sign of life apart from the discreet glow of a few town house

Behind one of these, on a velvet sofa, sits a young woman whose name is dimly recognisable from the literary pages of the papers. Whisky glass in hand, she is deep in conversation with a middle-aged man who arrived ten minutes before. Neither had arranged to meet here, and each, lulled by the congenial salon atmosphere, has more or less forgotten why they made the trip in the first place.

In fact, it was to shop, and they are here as customers, but so unshoplike is Selina Blow's Belgravia "salon atelier" that it is quite possible to pretend, if only for 20 minutes, that one is in a particularly cosy apartment.

This was always Miss Blow's intention. "I wanted to create the feel of a set in Albany. There are no shop fixtures, and it all has a slight edge of humour and eccentricity." Her clothes, particularly her trademark high-collared jackets in brocades and velvets, exemplify English whimsicality, and she wanted the shop to match.

But more importantly, she wanted to prick the bubble of nervousness and pretention — "the high neurotics", as she puts it — that surrounds so many

Sometimes she lears she has gone too far. Everyone thinks I'm ready to come and have a chat when I'm freaking out in the design room upstairs," she says. But many customers do not even realise she is the designer, and she manages to slip through fittings incognito in a pair of jeans. On one occasion an American writer asked to meet Selina Blow, even as she was crawling round her. with a mouthful of pins. "We finally met in a hotel,

Miss Blow is not the only shopkeeper to try to nationwide — it is because the verbal exchanges



Shopping doesn't always have to be a dehumanising experience. Grace Bradberry meets the high street's friendly new revolutionaries

turn her shop into something rather different More than a posture, it marks a rethink of the whole concept of shopping - why and how we want to part with cash, our fears, our desires.

At Egg, the clothes shop-cum-art gallery-cum nurturing space owned by designer Maureen Doherty, there is nothing so venal as a cash register in sight. "My ultimate inspiration is the corner shop," she has said. "A really vital part of a community and useful for much more than what it

In Kinnerton Street, Knightsbridge, where Egg is situated, a ceramic bowl may well be the equivalent of a packet of Tate & Lyle sugar, but in other respects it's difficult This will to equate the minimalist interior with the packed shelves of the local open-ailsucceed

Nevertheless. Miss Doherty has managed to foster a nurturing ambience, even if those nurtured are scarcely a cross-section of the community. "The ethos of the shop is that people are welcome quite apart from whether they buy things," she explains. "Some of the women who come here breast-feed." it all began, she says, because she

lived upstairs for the first year and a half. "People used to come and throw things at the window and ring the bell and say 'Can I come for a drink' at eight o'clock at night. We had lunch and supper sitting outside the shop."

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But her real motivation was the desire to overturn the tyranny of assistants. "Why do I hate shopping? I don't like shopgirls. I think it's the intimidation. I went into Prada in Sloane Street with my dog and they approached me and said: 'I'm terribly sorry, but you have to take your dog outside"." And so she has abolished the shopgirl in favour of the friend and adviser.

She peered at me and said: 'Haven't we met before...?."

And with the shopgirl comes shopgirl patter. If the high street is dehumanising, it is not only because the clother and intention.



An Egg display: no tyranny from assistants

are, 100. A once enjoyable human exchange has been stripped of spontaneity, the approved pleasantries spelt out in the training video.

There is, of course, nothing new in the desire to rid shops of overt commercialism and encourage a social element. Back in the Forties, Nancy Mitford wrote to Evelyn Waugh of her attempts to create a cocktail party atmosphere" in Heywood Hill, the Mayfair bookshop where she then worked.

It remains an aim of the current director, John Saumarez Smith, though he is quick to point out that he has been in place since 1965 - far longer than Mittord's reign. And he says: "The place wouldn't have survived simply on

the ghost of Nancy Mitford." He is also keen to dispel the notion that Heywood Hill, frequented by those who use the clubs and hotels that surround it, is in any way forbidding. "I only if we wouldn't like to give the impression that it's exclusive or clubby. It could only are nicer succeed if we were better informed, and perhaps nicer than other shops on more than other

commercial streets." Yet the sense of being a privileged member of a particularly desirable club is at the heart of what the new breed of anti-shopkeepers are trying to create.

As IIse Crawford, editor of Elle Decoration, and a regular at Egg. remarks: "These places are aiming to give the feeling of being a small club. But not in the sense that anyone would be excluded - only that you feel rather special being there.

Nevertheless, some shops inevitably become clubs where those from the "wrong side" of town are likely to feel outsiders.

But if the clique clutching coffee cups looks too smug, and the sofas are all full as you approach, then it's worth remembering that few of the great ideas of this century have been conceived in shops. Bear in mind novelist Kainy Lette's response when asked if she hung out in shops for inspiration: "Spend time in shops? Don't these people have

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Nightingale sees two new blockbuster musicals

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A kipper and a wig, please

Guy Walters on the small traders who are forced to stock strange items in order to survive

WAS it naivety that led me to think that Donna Karan would only sell clothes and related items? How ignorant I am if I find the notion of Donna Karan bottled water surprising. I have never seen skirts in my corner shop's fridge, so why do I see bottled water perched among tights

and dresses? Perhaps I

should not have been so stunned. It appears that ever more retail outlets are Only such peddling such disparate products. strange mixtures

Comedian Paul Merton has long been baffled by stores that not only mend your shoes. but can also cut a set of keys for you. But perhaps Mr Merton has never been through Laton, where I once

spotted a shop that sold greetings cards and wigs. Who could own such a retail outlet? Do people go into shops looking for a birthday card and say: "Oh, I nearly forgot. I don't suppose you

Stranger still, near the office of The Times, there is a shop that specialises in "mobile phones and wedding services". No. doubt young unmarried people go in look-ing for a couple of Nokias only to have some only salesman smarming. "But to really stay in touch, have you ever sidered buying a weddiag? I've got a couple of

second-hand ones in the back." And in Clapham, south London, there is a shop where mobile phones sit snugly with martial arts equipment.

The diversity of products offered by even these small shops is the result of competition by supermarkets such as

rie shop because as Asda have them all. It means that to survive, small shops have to play the big boys' game they can only go so far. It would be stand a unrealistic to exchance of pect the mobile phones and wedsurvival. ding services shop

to sell sheds. But these small shops, despite diversifying, will continue to struggle. Not only do superstores sell everything in the world, but they have coffee shops and restau rants as well.

 Soon, all our leisure time will be spent in places that we once associated with chores. We will drink at the Asda Arms and go to Tesco multiplex cinemas. Our children will go to Marks & Spencer schools (as the comedians Fry and Laurie once predicted) and we will be cremated in the Waitrose car park. And soon we will be able to pay for it all with our Sainsbury's cheque books. And that is not a joke.



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Libby Purves, Juliet Peck and Giles Coren look at past Christmases and what the festival means to them and their families

The best of times, the worst of times

hristmas 1985 changed my life. The previous ear I had finally become engaged to my scoun-drel boyfriend, Rory Knight Bruce, but at the beginning of the summer he was brave enough to break it off.

I was devastated. Still not

recovered by December, I begged Romey Fullerton, my director at Afghanaid, to send me out to the office in Pakistan. My luck was in. I flew out on December 18 for three weeks. I remained for five years, married twice, had my first child and made some of the best friends of my life.

That first Christmas was typical of how my life had changed. Instead of presents and Christmas trees, I toured looking for eight patients to send to London on an Overseas Development

Agency-sponsored medical pro-'Instead medical pro-gramme. I chose hopelessly, both medically and poof gifts litically. But perand trees, hooked I visited Within weeks I knew I was to stay.

Peshawar I met the tempestuous, passionate hospitals' Dominique Vergos, my first hus-band, who introduced me to a new kind of beauty. The smell of the dust after the rain, the play of

the sunlight through the trees. the scent of the orange blossom in our garden. Most important of all, he taught me to value people for what they are, rather than the society they represent. Christmas 1988 I cooked

Dominique a goose, which I burnt horribly. Five days later he was shot dead by an unknown gunman in our garden. Amazingly, this was the first time that I had ever seen a dead body. We still don't know why he was killed. I wasn't convinced by the police suspect, and not wanting their scapegost to suffer, I called my own pushton jirga (meeting of the elders) and settled the matter in the ancient tribal manner. Honour was saved on all sides.

I was left with Fyun, our to finish Dominique's work planning the return home of the refugees, I stayed on.

In December 1990 I was back in Britain for a wedding. By chance, Rory Peck was there for a few days from Baghdad. Rory had also lived in Peshawar and it was there that he first learnt to use a camera. Within a short time he had made a name for himself as a skilled war carnersman, whose total lack of fear enabled him to film some of the best footage of the #35933

many wars he covered. He asked me to dinner. We spent a whirlwind three days to-gether and he insisted we should marry. I was not convinced. I left for Pakistan. he left for Moscow. He insisted that I should join him for

J flew out on Christmas Day. Deep snow, the brilliant gold and blue of the Kremlin domes, industrial quantities of champagne and caviar, walks in Gorky Park.

It was the beginning of new life typical of Rory. All was extreme, everything was the best, the most difficult, the most beautiful. He followed me to Peshawar and we were married on January 8. Three days later he left for Baghdad to cover the Gulf War. We had only two Christ-

mases together. A rather fraught one in Londonderry. when I was heavily pregnant with our daughter, and a happy family af-fair with all our children in Moscow. The snow was two-feet deep, fail-

ing silently around

our wooden dacha.

A Christmas ser-

vice in our local Russian orthodox church, at Peredelkino, where we didn't understand a word, but the flicker of the candlelight on the golden lcons momentarily impressed even the children. Skiing, iceskating, riding our horses in the surrounding forest. The last brilliant happy family

In October of that year Rory was killed outside the Mos-cow television station during the revolt against Yeltsin. I had been with him up to half an hour before, but needed to return home for supplies. I spent the night searching. searching, knowing in my heart that if he hadn't found me, I would never find him. That night part of me died,

o what of this year? Finally I am taken over by my brilliant and vivacious cousin Harriet Crawley. Like a whirlwind along with Glebb, her charmingly wicked Russian hus-— and then on we go again. A new year but no resolutions. I can't keep them. Just my great aunt's maxim ringing in my ears. What is life? "Life is for living, you bugger." Like me she is a Crawley. She would know.

JULIET PECK ◆ The Rory Peck Trust, which helps the dependants of those killed on assignment, is on: 01937



Christmas: the real thing

ell, yes, you count your blessings. Although at this moment the average disorganised mother feels like a rabbit, frozen in the headlights of the oncoming festivities, we know what the bottom line is. In a world of turbulence and tragedy to have an undamaged family around you at Christmas is something to be quietly, decently grateful for.

If you spread beyond two generations on Christmas Day, all the better. Better still if within the 12 days you manage to take in a good swath of extended family, with brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and in-laws all cautiously criss-crossing the country on chilly winter roads for a meal, a walk, a party, or a night of giggling in makeshift sofa dormitories. Gatherings reinforce families

Family Christmases always take on aspects of a Giles cartoon, with a lowering grandma, weeping Auntie Vera, draggled Mum, evil tots and resigned father. Our family reunions are generally known as Countings: Aunt Ada Doom and her periodic Counting of the Family. A sense of doom does come into it. Nonetheless, at the deepest level we know our luck, toast the missing ones - two grandfathers, in our case, and others of their generation — and give thanks that the rest of us are here, and on speaking terms.

For me, though, there is another cataclysm to be faced before the day. I collect cribs: nativity scenes and models from all over the world. It began as a small interest in French santons, the

figures round the Provençal manger, which come bearing gifts to represent a village's trades. The baker brings bread, the mayor makes a speech, the brigand throws down his dagger in remorse, the village idiot throws up his hands in wonder. Somehow, the collection has grown until there are close on a hundred cribs, from Poland to Peru and from minute to massive, in materials ranging from African wood to Polish cigarette-paper by way of clay, card, tin and wool. Obviously, they have to be exhibited in aid of Save the Children. It would

be stupid not to. Again, let us not be sentimental. With a consumer and family Christmas looming the last thing any girl needs is a commitment to emptying the attic and sorting through a drift of teeny shepherds, kings, oxen, mangers separat-ed from their babies, Chilean carved figures waving watermelons, and Josephs whose heads need sticking back on with Copydex. I am not one of nature's curators, and admit that on occasion the Advent hush is broken by crashes, curses and blasphemous cries (Where's the blasted Virgin Mary from this one? Why is it never a shepherd who goes missing? The label's come adrift but I'm positive it's Kenyan sandstone). The children are rocks of support, and of research. It was Nicholas, at eight, who picked up a Bolivian clay Virgin with oddshaped holes in her gown and blew down one of them. Yes, she is a whistle. Heaven knows why.

But fundraising apart, I suppose I do it to untangle the consumer confusions of Christmas and the aggravation of real live family relationships, and use the riotous diversity of these cribs to meditate on the essential, irreducible human message of the season.

For here at the centre you have the basic family: mother, father, and baby, the baby representing hope for all humanity. Sometimes it is framed in a huge, baroque Polish szopka, sometimes in a self-consciously rustic stable, sometimes in a circus-bright theatre frame. Sometimes the figures stand alone, pared down to symbols of themselves. The family is the

ut it is not enough. Every culture, offered the basic nativity story, immediately tries to put it in a context. The first context is the stable and the animals. This, I suppose, represents the obvious

The scene rapidly widens. The shepherds and Kings are biblical, but modellers go beyond that to surround the family with a community. Look at a Peruvian retablo crib, and you see a wild party with bottles waved, hands clapped, gifts brandished, and the child Jesus waved aloft like the World Cup. In the French cribs the old, the blind, the wicked, the deranged all appear, mixed with a safe solid wall of prosperous human goodwill in the bourgeois bringers of bread and fish. Go to Chile and there are grinning wooden people pitching up with heads of maize and bowls of mush; to Poland, and the barroque powerful structure of Cracow cathedral towers around the simplicity of the little family framed in the main door.

For fun, we updated this a few years ago by. commissioning a British maker of figurines to create contemporary santons in a Charing Cross arches setting: Jesus in a cardboard box, a punk Joseph and hordes of visitors of all classes with briefcases, mobile phones, judges wigs, wheelchairs, nurses' uniforms, bag-lady rags and so on. Public figures occasionally appear: this is possibly the only Nativity to have the Thatchers, Robert Maxwell and Quentin Crisp on its fringes, gazing in suspiciously at the central family event.

As I fiddle with these things the stress of Christmas subsides. They remind me that while

it is a joy to have a family, cocooning and cosseting of one's own biological kin is not enough. This baby came for everyone, and around him there must be community, and versely, any family withers unless it reaches out to welcome the rest of the human race. The folk custom of leaving a candle in the open window on Christmas Eve to light strangers makes sense. The festival looks out from the hearth, as

Looking at the polyglot riot of visitors in my attic boxes, though. I can sometimes work out exactly why the Virgin Mary is hiding in the cottonwool. In denial, poor thing. But she always reappears just in time.

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dodgy job, a demanding boss, and hadn't done the shop-ping. It's hardly worth a

novel, now, is it? Look at it from a distance. He had a typical Victorian home poor and simple, but honest and full of period detail. He had a big family.

He had carol sing-ers. He even had snow. What's a little poverty when you've got Empire, cobbled streets and gas lamps?

He should try a typical late 1990s, post-Christian, twenty-something. young urban pro-fessional, yule-tide dilemma. As far as I can tell. Christ-

mas this year will be an attempt at pretending the previous 364 days were all

My bed will be made again in the old bedroom with the Marilyn Monroe clock on the wall and the 400 back issues of Roy of the Rovers piled on the windowsill. My girlfriend will disappear to her former bedroom in South London for Santa's benefit. My sister will curl up in her little pink bedroom, while her neighbours keep an eye on the flat. and my parents will stay up later than us, eyelids held wide by matchsticks and Douwe Egberts medium roast, so they can fill the stockings we made from pil-

lowcases in 1976.

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BOB CRATCHIT can shut up suit questioning their VAT as far as I am concerned. I'm returns. Back at my flat, a Christmas tree twinkles in the sitting room with no one to look at it. My sister's flat, which has glittered for most of December with red and green sparkly things, is dark. homestead, which was put up in memory of those who have

flown the nest, gets its 12 hours of attention, before becoming. Three trees, once again, just an irritant to Hoover bags and people one small trying to get to the kitchen. family. Three trees, one

small family. Christmas Christmas is in limbo, and it is all is in limbo my fault. It is the responsibility of this year children to have babies before their grandparents are all dead. I have failed. So has

my sister. And so we sit around, the four of us, two in their fifties, two in their twenties, with paper hats on, wondering just who is kidding who. My stocking last year had a bottle of whisky, a carton of

My parents want to buy Lego sets and Beano annuals I do a few hours with them, a few with my common-law in-laws, and then I'm back in the flat. Just me and my girlfriend wondering when we can take the tree down. Everyone is fed up with their roles, and waiting to shift up a generation. We are the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future all rolled into one.

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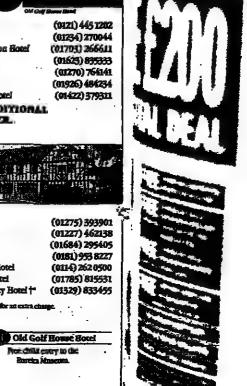
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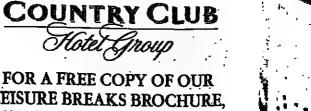
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With the responsibility for ex-servicemen spread across 17 government departments, the appointment of a minister for veterans is overdue, says Michael Gove

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ive weeks ago the nation stood in silent remembrance of those who fought for our freedoms. Today those veterans who may face permanent silence will endure another loss - the Government is robbing them of their dignity. A reform to pension regulations is simply the latest slight governments have dealt our ex-servicemen and the most recent of many reasons why we need a minister who can devote

all his energies to those who gave all.

Changes, first unveiled with the Budget, have angered veterans whose pensions will be frozen while their hearing deteriorates. Battlefield deafness is a cruel, invisible wound. New regulations will mean that ex-servicemen whose hearing was damaged while on duty will have their disability entitlements fixed at the time any hearing loss was first diagnosed. The amount paid to veterans is related to the severity of their disability. Now if their hearing gets worse then the pension will not be altered to take account,

The Government argues that it is acting in line with the best medical acting in the with the test medical advice. But is it right that a safety net veterans once enjoyed should be removed because of current scientific opinion however authoritatively stated? Might it not be more dignified to give soldiers, not scientists, the benefit of the doubt? of the doubt?

In any case, Jonathon Hazell of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf has argued that "noise can have a cumulative long-term effect on hearing loss". Veterans, like Ted Maddison, a 77-year-old former gunner who has lost all hearing in his left ear, feel they face at best an uncertain future. A rueful "I don't know what will happen if my hearing gets worse" masks the

worry of one of many men who have seen the country they fought for treat their service disabilities as administrative inconveniences. A Conservative Government should never

regard the growth of its social security budget with pride but service pensions, like disability benefits, should be the exception. Sadly, the Government has never been as generous towards those who have endured as it should. A fair deal for widows in this Parliament was only secured by the intervention of the hereditary crossbencher Lord Freyberg. The Royal British Legion has to spend almost half a million pounds of the money it collects from charity encouraging ex-servicemen to take up their entitlements. Might it not be better if the State were to spend the money necessary to ensure that all those who are eligible for service benefits receive them?

Even when ex-servicemen assert themselves they are not always assured of respect. The Ministry of Defence has, in the past, displayed an institutional indifference to a series of complaints from veterans. Those Gulf veterans who wrung an apology, but so far little else, out of the Government this week have seen their plight treated less than sympathetically by men who

As early as mid-1993 a series of ailments was identified among veterans which had no common denominator other than Gulf service -- but the Government initiated a full study only last January. That grudging concession has not been the last. This week the Armed Forces Minister, Nicholas Soames, had to apologise for misleading Parliament about the use of organo-phosphate (OP) pesticides - which are known to cause nerve damage - in the Gulf. Mr Soames's apology was full and gracious but it only confirmed suspicions that the MoD has often been our soldiers' most implacable foe. Michael Colvin, Tory Chairman of the Commons Defence Select Committee, commenting on the studies into Gulf War syndrome the ministry is currently undertaking, remarked, "there are some people who will be dead by the time [they] are completed".

Explaining why MPs were misled about OP use the MoD civil servant Edgar Buckley commented:

"We not only misled Parliament, we misled ourselves." Given the intense pressure over the last three years to investigate the causes of Gulf War

syndrome the failure is alarming. Clearly further administrative reform is required at the Ministry and, in the current Secretary of State and Mr Soames there are ministers with the skill and will to effect change when required. But change is required not just at mandarin level.

The need for a minister dedicated to the demands of veterans is long overdue. It is not a matter of tokenism. The Government already has minis-

ters with cosmetic responsibilities for regions and for women, genufications to fashionable lobbies. If it were only symbolic then a minister for veterans would at least be an acknowledgement of more deserving claims. But such a reform would be far more than a red box raised to piety - it would be a practical power for good.

The responsibility for ex-servicemen is current-

ly spread across 17 government departments. For soldiers seeking redress the bureaucratic thickets can prove more difficult to slog through than the Normandy bocage. In other Nato countries a veterans' minister is the norm and it is particularly galling for British ex-servicemen to see their former comrades-in-arms from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA accorded the dignity of their own minister.

The American Veterans' Administration is exceptional. US ex-servicemen have their own dedicated government department and healthcare system because the Americans do not enjoy the catch-all provision secured by the National Health Service. There is no need for anything on such a scale here. But the establishment of a minister for veterans with administrative powers on all matters concerned with ex-servicemen concentrated in one pair of hands could make a material difference to the lives of thousands. It is one demand that does not deserve to be met with



When work comes too soon

WHEN I was at school the end of term signalled a time of all play and no work four weeks of Christmas festivities and fun.

Now, in my maturity as an . us, it is a crucial stepping Oxford student, I have come to realise that a "holiday" should be treated as anything but. University is no longer a

synonym for wild parties, skeeping during daylight hours and generally having an easy life. Rather, as careers out as many student loans as So, here I am, recovering advisers never tire of telling

from the shock of getting up at 7am and boarding a packed commuter train in my quest to show that I can CV-build with stone on the path to a career, a time to CV-build and grasp the best of them. I, too, can every available opportunity forgo the warmth and comfort of the family home in order to (and not in the sense of taking increase my chances of success in the dreaded "life after

> University is supposed to offer the best years of your life, years that you will reminisce about to your own children. Cocooned from the world, the university en-

viroument is which most teenagers yearn for as a place of idealism and experimentation and above

all, as a place away from your parents. Admittedly, fun is not a factor that is missing from my life at Oxford. (Indeed, my father has taken to calling it the "holiday camp" because of the large sums of his money that I consume each term.)

But no longer is it sufficient to bumble along and enjoy three happy, carefree years in the mould of Sebastian Flyte and friends in *Brideshead* Revisited. At the back of every student's mind is the nagging anxiety of three years slipping by without any guarantee of a job at the end of it all.

While students generally used to feel they were doing well if they managed to fit some academic work into a hectic schedule of sleep and socialising, now you are also expected to spend hours sifting through the mass of information available at the university careers office, plot-

ting your future career and writing to potential employers

to show your keenness. And the vacations - well, clearly they are the time to gain the all-important work experience and a few weeks working at Tesco's is far from adequate. One friend, now in his third year, spent the entire summer working in the City, returning to college at the end of it, pale-faced and

For someone desperate to get into banking this was not an option but a necessity. well qualified students applying for a much small-

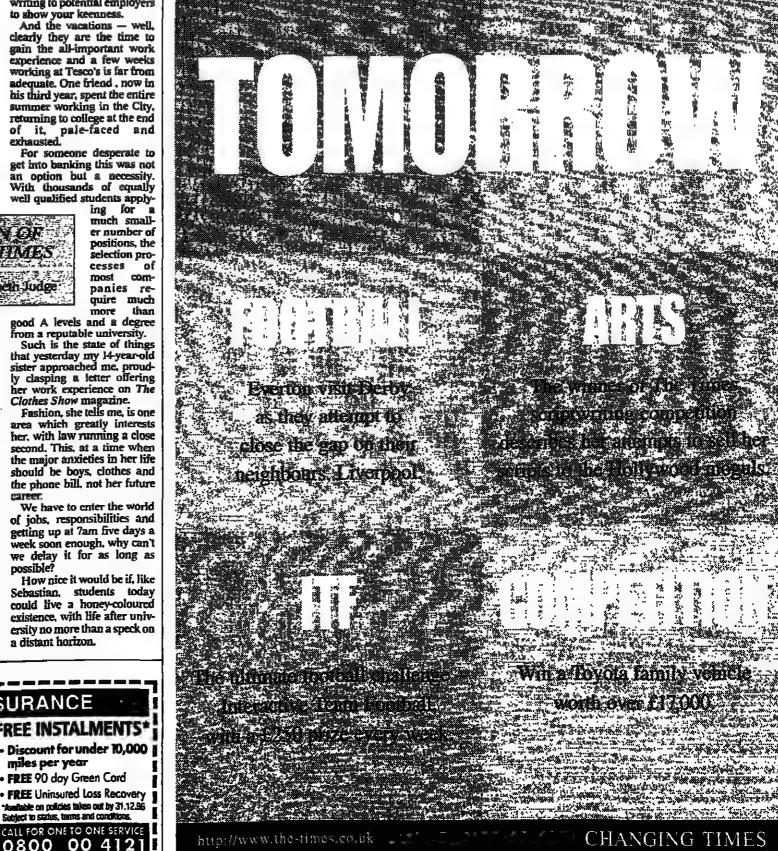
er number of positions, the selection processes most companies require much more than good A levels and a degree

from a reputable university. Such is the state of things that yesterday my 14-year-old sister approached me, proud-ly clasping a letter offering her work experience on The Clothes Show magazine. Fashion, she tells me, is one area which greatly interests

her, with law running a close second. This, at a time when the major anxieties in her life should be boys, clothes and the phone bill, not her future We have to enter the world of jobs, responsibilities and

getting up at 7am five days a week soon enough, why can't we delay it for as long as possible? How nice it would be if, like Sebastian, students today could live a honey-coloured

existence, with life after university no more than a speck on a distant horizon.



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n the Midlands last week I met someone who teaches those children who have been ex-pelled from all other schools. Without mentioning the issue of television and violence which Virginia Bottomley has brought to the surface once again, I asked him about the causes of violence among the young people he dealt with — a violence he had already described as often highly dangerous. Without any hesitation he listed the causes as follows: all the children had been beaten, sometimes savagely, by parents or relatives or foster parents, many

utterly violated. And the influence of television programmes on all this? Or on Fred West? Or on the man at Dunblane? On any serious list of the causes of violence, television scarcely merits a mention. It seems those to whom violence is done do violence in return. That minority of violent young people watch

had been raped, many had been

forced into juvenile prostitution,

all had been horribly abused and

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Don't make TV the scapegoat for violence

grammes as the overwhelming majority of their peers who, in my experience, are widely well dis-posed and impressively tolerant. There are audiences for vile and violent videos, but these can scarcely be laid at the door of the major broadcasters which gather up most of the audiences most of

It is true that there is a greater apprehension about crime and that is often blamed on television, although surely television is no more than the messenger. News not only on television - is more insistently with us than ever before and some of it is indeed violent. Is the solution to stop reporting on wars, riots, bombings and multi-ple injustices? Even if it were possible, what would be the point of the ostrich manoeuvre? My guess is that people's desire to be

informed far outweighs their dis-may at looking at the worst. So the reporting of violence — even if it could be proved to have an effect on that minority of violent people is unlikely to be changed much. Already, like all other pro-grammes on the main channels in our country, it is heavily patrolled, but we cannot sanitise the world.

As for violence in television drama, compared with some movies and videos it is innocent on practically all counts. Of course in the urge to be dramatic errors of taste and judgment are made, but our watchdogs pounce on them quickly and these incidents are There are those who argue that a

major worry is an elevation of yobbishness - of men behaving badly, and women showing they can be every bit as bad - but that, I believe, is redeemed by wit and

those involved. But even if it were not, it would be a brave analyst who declared that the screen led rather than reflected this current yobbish fashion in youth and

It is understandable to criticise television since politicians assume it to be so very powerful — something I dispute. But faced with the intractability of a violence which erodes the nerve of a society's confidence about its own security, it is natural enough to lash out. Nobody has a solution; moreover, it is important to keep this in perspective. Compared with most countries we are still relative-

ly peaceful and law-abiding and

good-humoured

The problem about treating television as a scapegoat is that it might be seen as offering a real solution. Politicians are as frustrated as the rest of us and as fed up with the disfigurements of violence, however relatively or comparatively optimistic we are about our society. But to bring about a few small alterations in a

responsible and well regulated will do nothing whatsoever to address, let alone solve, the difficulties posed for that dedicated schoolteacher going about our business in the Midlands.

am one of those who is fed up with the Church of England's desire to ease out of its responsibility to the King James version. I know many Catholics who are equally fed up with the

slide away from Latin. If ever I needed to be even more convinced of the strength of my position - which can too easily be made to seem merely blimpish then that proof came at a Jewish funeral on Thursday.

It was for a young woman in her twenties, Michelle Fox, who had worked with me and made several films on dance — her special

passion — which are as promising and talented as it is possible to be. Michelle was also inspiringly gallant and graceful in her two-year fight against cancer. At the service the rabbi led the

prayers and now and then she alone spoke a prayer in its original Hebrew, It is a language of which I have no knowledge but the sense of its history, of centuries of grief and comfort, of lives lived under this tongue so potent that it held a whole people together, was unmistakable. I envied it. Our Anglican tradi-

tional language is less than 400 years old. Latin, I presume, began to be used extensively in the Catholic church only after the Emperor Constantine. But even so there is a moving and healing sense of a deeper community of lasting values in hearing words that have been heard by so many like us so often before.

Certainly, as the rabbi's clear speaking of the prayers filled the crowded space I felt that Michelle was in fine and ancient company.

'Dysfunctional, but it still works'

The turmoil at the venerable Royal Academy is over; now there is

a renewed sense of purpose. Or so its managers tell Simon Tait

ne week this summer it seemed as if David Gordon, the chief executive of ITN, was either going to be Rector of the Royal College of Art or the new boss of Sterling Publications. The next he was snaffled as the new secretary and troubleshooter at the Roy-

al Academy.

And trouble there soon was. It became public with the leaking, ten days ago, of his memo to the RA's council detailing for the first time the true financial position. "It's actually a piddling little deficit for an organisation that has to is to prosper in the earn 100 per cent of its income and has a £15 million annual turnover." he now says of the rumpus. "The Arts Council will know what a shining light of an example the RA is. What we're going through at the moment is a long-delayed and rather painful process of getting a balance."

The Arts Council comes into the picture because next year the Arts Lottery Fund will be asked for a grant to examine the feasibility of an expansion by the RA into the soon-to-be vacated Museum of Mankind

next door. "We wouldn't put in a hid unless we were absolutely confident that our finances were in a fundamentally sturdy state," Gordon says.

With 4,000 people a day passing through the doors for lunch, shopping or even to see one of three exhibitions on

offer at the moment, the RA is certainly popular. But that has not 6 It's stopped its critics from questioning whether its antiquated rules need revision if the RA

next century. Much criticism, too, is directed at the Royal Academicians, the artists who govern the institution.

They are, in the painter John Hoyland's words, a dysfunctional family. There was fierce opposition, for instance, to the Lord Leighton exhibition earlier this year, because some Academicians thought that the RA's president of a century ago wasn't a very good

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like the expansion plans. Some hate the merchandising. There is always dissatisfaction about the Summer Exhibition, and this year saw a row when one Academician's wooden sculpture collapsed as it was being shifted to make way for the fund-raising Summer Ball.

"Of course there tensions among the Academicians," says Michael Kenny, actually a sculptor and treasurer. "It's what piddling guarantees the place's integrity." Yet at the annual general assem-

> Thursday in the wake of the revelations, the president. Sir Philip Dowson, was re-elected overwhelmingly. "The mood was vigorous, not angry," one RA said. The new secretary took the unusual step of producing an interim report which made the situation clear, ready for the audited report in January,

There was concern at the proliferation of staff - 196 when there used to be a couple of dozen. There may well be staff cuts, but no selling of assets such as the Michelange-lo Madonna. And Gordon expects that the audit by the accountants Ernst and Young will actually show up an accumulated deficit of no more

when we'll meet again."

than £2 million.

Dowson's view is that the RA has been a victim of its own success. A pioneer of arts sponsorship, it enjoyed relative prosperity in the 1980s and had relaxed into complacency

after the huge success of the 1991 Monet show, which made £1.7 million profit, three times the estimate. Then the Tate and National Galleries began putting on the exhibitions the RA might have expected to mount, the recession struck and sponsorship dwindled.

Tension also grew between the administration and the membership. The council of 15 members holds ultimate control, but claimed that the administration had been selective in how it reported to them. Now Gordon has appointed the RA's first ever finance director — Ian Blatchford, once of the Arts Council. John Nickson has also brought in from English National Opera to be director of development. And Gordon wants to establish a watchdog body of Academicians and businessman members of the RA Trust, to ensure full accountability.

That's what makes this business of the leak so irritating," Kenny says. "You open the window and someone chucks a brick through it, causing untold damage. The solution is under way, and there's no secrecy now. "What we have to go on

doing is putting on important exhibitions like African Art and Poussin," Dowson be-lieves. "They didn't get enough sponsorship and lost us money, but they have to be seen." Gordon adds: "In the words of our instrument of foundation, we're here to interpret and promote the arts and design, and that will never change. We just have to do it



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It is also, except in a brief diversion into lift music without the capital initials,

consistent in style. And at the end it

doesn't take long to work out how to get

down again: just think of a chromatic scale moving in the right direction, which

is basically what Gardiner does in his

approach to the seven main sections of the

The first performance of Lift Music was

iven by the Royal Liverpool Philharmon-

piece, and there you are.

THE difference between lift music and Lift Music is that in the former case you can always use the stairs. Once into lan Gardiner's new piece in the Philharmonic Hall there was no escape until, after four ascents and three descents, we were left on a level higher than the one where we started, somewhat disorientated and

wondering how to get down.

Still, elevation is the purpose of all serious art and Gardiner's Lift Music has not failed if it achieves it by means of ingenious construction and brilliant orchestral engineering rather than by a surge of imagination. It is entertaining. interestingly coloured and, since it has the courage to proceed slowly on the subter-ranean levels as well as the urge to coruscate on the surface, effectively paced.

WHEN colleagues are in tears by the end of the evening, you know that a Lieder recital has

succeeded. Within the past

control. One works on the

other; the result is a perfor-

mance as enraptured and

revealing as her Strauss

ation. Paul McGrath. Clearly, a young conductor who takes on a piece like that Sovereign skills

two or three years, the American soprano Barbara Bonney has grown from being a seductive and vivacious princess of the recital platform to a true Königin in Liederreich, as Strauss's song Nichts has it: a queen of song. What makes Bonney's performances uniquely engaging is her fusion of emotional involvement with technical

Her first group of early Mozart songs suggested that this would be one of those rare evenings when the listener would never experience a moment of apprehension as to the trueness of a note or the truth of a musical idiom. With Bonney, each song is inhabited entirely. Whether in winsome storytelling or in melancholic reprecise quality

of a tone, the

tion of a word or phrase; and the voice then realises it perfectly, without any coyness or This draws the listener in unusually close. Our imaginations are kindled with

Bonney's radiant voice. The shifting lights of his playing within Strauss's Wiegenlied typified his way with the three cradle-songs she chose. Then on to eight of Strauss's greatest songs, setting the poetry of Herman von Gilm. Bonney's encores paid trib-

and Das Lied von der Erde in the same programme is not without faith in his own abilities. The justification was a

Mahler interpretation which put clarity

before expressive ambition and which, in

spite of one or two instrumental hesita-

tions, was rewarding for its demonstra-

While neither of the two solo perfor-

mances was stylish enough to offer fully idiomatic phrasing of the vocal line,

halance between the orchestra and a

heroic Jeffrey Lawton was uncommonly

well sustained in the opening movement, and the final attenuation of colour was

beautifully achieved by Catherine Wyn-

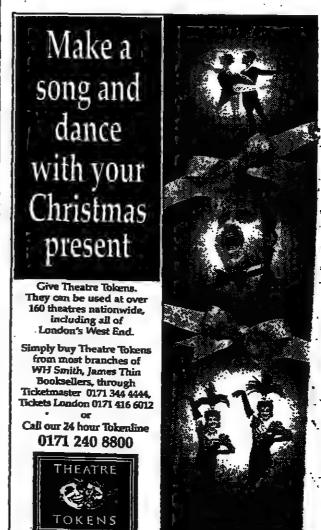
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Malcolm Martineau, ac-companying had a formida-ble task. Yet he gave as good

as he got, turning a kaleido-scope of colour the equal of

tion of textural detail.

ute to the six young singers with whom she had presented an equally memorable Insight Class earlier in the week.



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CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Pushing ahead of the dames

IF YOU like your pantos loud. gaudy and robustly interac tive, you will be hard pushed to find better than David Cregan and Brian Protheroe's version of Beauty and the Beast. Shorn of camp widows and tacky jokes and rich in melodrama, Philip Hedley pitches his production with canny accuracy at the young and hyperactive.

It helps, of course, that it's a cracking story. The Beast is a young king trapped in a hideously deformed animal and condemned to live alone in a Gothic castle because he refuses to marry a bad fairy. A merchant, who abuses the Beast's hospitality, is forced to send his youngest daughter to him as a forfeit. The Beast falls in love. Beauty rejects him. Hearts break.

Predictably, Joseph Nobel's Beast steals the show - or at least his costume does. With his left leg and stomach made of blistered latex, and the rest of him a rug of werewolf fur, is it any wonder he's in a permanent rage, or that his eyes glow in the dark? But, like the object of his

infatuation, Davina Perera's stunning Beauty, Nobel has the singing voice of an angel.

Beauty and the Beast Theatre Royal Stratford East

The songs — more in the tradition of musical than panto — give the show surprising emotional substance.

Like all the best pantos the real art is making it look as if it had just been thrown together. Here the ad-libbing skills of Linda Dobell's Candy, the very pink good fairy, Ginny Holder's feisty Snow Drop, and Michael Bertenshaw's Thatcherite housekeeper, Mrs Buller, work small miracles

for Hedley.

But it is Yvonne Edgel's sophisticated bed fairy who inevitably draws the biggest shrieks. With her l8in cigarette holder and black feather boa she is more Cruella De VII than wicked witch. Using her magic cupboard, wheeled on by Humphrey, her hunchbacked henchman, Delores changes two ecstatic children in the audience into mini

> **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER

Worst of times

take here? Isn't A Christmas Carol the Dickens tale for the season, rather than a tortuous melodrama of revenge and specifice during the French Solution, particularly one that eschews a happy ending for a climax involving the guillotining of a claret-swill-

The adaptation is by Hugh Leonard, known as a writer of light and occasionally moderately heavy comedies. With this version, though, he provides a story that jerks and twitches between macabre action, treacly melodrama and verbal jousts. The whole event, from knitting the intricate sub-plots, to burying narrative twists for later discovery, is a painfully extended process, making one long for the descent of a nice, swift blade, or an editor's pencil. Performances from the

arge cast are mixed, with the armies of smaller roles often providing far more substance than the leads of Michael Devaney as Darnay and Stephen Brennan as Carton. In formmon with most of the production. Marion O'Dwyer (Miss Pross) took a long time

A Tale of Two Cities The Gate, Dublin

had the melsucholic weight of the entire show on his shoul-ders, but had no difficulty. supporting it with tender sad-ness, while Ronan Wilmot's Ernest Defarge shuffled beween mildress and implacable rage. Britta Smith's Madame Defarge was a deeply unpleasant creation, alhough one more snarling and inarticulate with rage than seemed really useful.

to the production was the operatic design of Bruno Schwengl, which seemed to look to Mondrian as much as was mercilessly consistent even to the extent of shoehorning the actors into colour-coded chintz britches.

to hit the right note for her frampy dowager. Eventually, however, O'Dwyer came upon a sturdy comic character, hilariously self-aware in Alan Barry's Dr Manette

Another dubious addition

Delacroix for its styling, and

Spare no spectacle: Ragtime moves from Ellis Island (vast steel grilles) to New York's Lower East Side (sepia-photo street scenes) to Atlantic City (masses of period postcards)

Feeling good, looking grim Doctorow aimed to evoke: the made or broken Jane Eyre. My

o judge by the size of the boxoffice returns and the builishness of the local Zeigfelds, Toronto is now the Englishspeaking world's most theatrically important city after London and New York. And even those traditional centres would be unlikely to stage two ambitious, dauntingly expensive new musical adaptations within the space of a few days, as the Canadian

moguls have just contrived to do.

The local newspapers, and even some of the visiting American critics, have seen these twin openings as an aesthetic cup-tie or financial slugging-match. In the dark, spidery corner, Charlotte Bronte; in the rainbow-hued one, E.L. Doctorow, And which turns out to be the better value, David and Ed Mirvish's £4 million production of Jane Eyre at the Royal Alexandra, or Garth Drabin-sky's 17 million Ragtime at the enormous steel and glass fun-palace that bathetically calls itself the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts?

The British patriot in me would like to say Jane Eyre, for its librettist and director is our own John Caird and its designer the invariably excelient John Napier. But I strongly LUKE CLANCY suspect that - assuming Andrew

Lloyd Webber's Whistle Down the Wind proves a success on Broadway this spring — Ragtime will be the next but one international hyper-hir. What is more, it deserves to do well. Seldom have I seen a more finely staged show or one that better catches the spirit of a rich and fascinating original. Certainly, it presents

arresting picture of the turbulent, changing America of the early 1900s than Milos Forman's movie of Ragtime. J.P. Morgan and Henry Ford coldly watch grey-shirted workers scurrying around their factories or stand together on an iron bridge that inexorably lowers to crush the human anthill festering below. The cast-list also includes the black leader Booker T. Washington, the anarchist Emma Goldman, and Evelyn Nesbit, the chorus girl whose lovers had a habit of killing each other. Houdini puts in regular appearances too, in the process becoming a mocking metaphor for classes and races that find it harder than he to escape their

chains and traps. You do, it's true, get the feeling that, if moon travel had existed in 1900, the design team would have flown a space pod down from the flies. The props include a real car and fire-engine and plausible little planes and ships, and the settings vary from Ellis Island (vast steel grilles) to New York's Lower East Side (sepia-photo street scenes) to Atlantic City (masses of period postcards) to a majestically furnished Morgan Library. It's true, too, that a father has only to mention

> 6 The twin openings are seen as an aesthetic cup-tie 🤊

baseball to his son for a mini-stadium to appear, complete with singing, spitting fans.

Yet there is thematic justification for most of the spectacle and, paradoxical though it may sound, it is deftly and sparely used by the director, Frank Galati. Sometimes the stage is filled only with phalanxes of one or other of the social groups

WASPs in their elegant creams and fluttering whites, the Afro-Americans nightelubbing in exotic blacks and browns, the immigrants in grey caps and long, frayed overcoats. Like the novel, Terrence McNally's

book switches effortlessly from macro to microcosm, relating the tales of the black musician who loses first his car and then the mother of his child to racial bigotry, the starving Jewish silhouette painter who becomes a movie baron, and the well-to-do family that plays key parts in both their lives. The first of these stories. with a superb Brian Stokes Mitchell moving from affable nonchalance to helpless indignation to the wintry assurance of the urban terrorist, maintains a particular grip.

Maybe it would grip still more strongly if the piece were trimmed at the edges. It would help, too, if Stephen Flaherty introduced more unpredictable rhythms and exciting syncopation. But there is plenty of tampering time ahead, for the musical is not due to reach Broadway until December 1997, when the new theatre its impresarios are building in Times Square should be complete.

By then Broadway should have

optimistic side can report that Caird relates the story faithfully and sometimes forcefully, using Nicholas Nickleby-style narrative techniques, and that Napier successfully evokes that house of secrets. Thornfield Hall, with the help of slanting, shadowy walkways backed by trees moonlight. But native pessimism forces me to add that New Yorkers. addicted as they are to feel-good musicals, may find the overall effect a bit feel-grim. if Anthony Crivello's flailing, rath-

er nasal Rochester lacks the necessary charisms and power. Marla Schaffel's Jane manages to reconcile the governess's pale-faced diffidence with the woman's suppressed intensi ty, and holds you as she makes the journey from over-age orphan to wife. And if Paul Gordon's score seems overpacked with glum recitative, he does also give her some soaring confessional solos. But I was left with grave doubts about the meteorology of Yorkshire. Why no sun, no green? Are chlorophyl and colour banned in Bronte country? An expository duet for Michael Fish and John Ketley is urgently needed.

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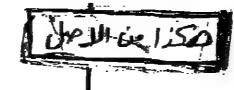
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Matthew Parris



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friend recently that l had never bought a National Lottery ticket. I have no moral objection either to gambling or to Camelot enriching itself. but my conscience is troubled by the thought of all that money being siphoned off to charity.

Mrs Bottomley has no business plundering the lottery punters' treasure trove and giving the booty to theatres in Surrey. If you live in the Home Counties and want to go the theatre you should pay for it.

Not that I would ban the lottery. On the contrary, it affords pleasure to literally everyone. The 99 per cent of the population who buy tickets have the pleasure of kidding themselves they are going to be millionaires; we per cent who do not buy tickets have the pleasure of knowing we are already a couple of hundred pounds better off.

Yet when I mentioned my eccentricity to a friend. his reaction was little short of scandalised. "You've never bought a lottery ticket?" "Never."

"Not once? You don't even never watched television. know how to?"

'No idea. I think newsagents sell them, don't

not, some He looked at people me as one might admit to a time-traveller from the 4th cennever tury, his likely having next question heard being whether I knew how to use The Archers a knife and fork.

He still looks at me now, as if something weird and unbridgeable sets me apart from other

And it struck me that this was yet another example on an impressive list we could compile of things it is perfectly possible not to have The world looks on. amazed, but the secret or self-confessed abstainer knows it is only a very small thing that separates him from others.

Believe it or not, some people have never listened to The Archers. Here, too, I plead guilty. To say this may offend many readers of The Times, but I do think you'd have to have a rather sad life to wish to employ your spare time keeping up with Ambridge. I did catch a few minutes of it by accident the other day, and a worse-acted radio drama I have yet to hear. It was dire. Millions of you, I know, are addicted. Please be assured that we who do not share your habit find it remarkably easy to function as normal citizens in every

other respect. Nor have I ever done a crossword. I simply don't see why one would. Are our days on this Earth not short? Is the night sky not filled with stars? Are there not symphonies to write, dragons to fight, oceans to fathom, mountain ranges to

I have a friend who has never watched EastEnders. And we're quite all right."

I could compile an impressive list mentioned casually to a Unlike The Archers, East-Enders is well-produced and well-acted, but you can

take or leave all that shouting and my friend leaves it. She remains capable of carrying on with her job and sustaining a satisfac-tory level of social interaction with her peers - she simply cannot discuss East-Enders, that's all.

Though forced to play at school, I have never watched a cricket match or listened to a cricket commentary, or understood the rules. My friend Paul Burston has never been to a football game, never worn a dinner suit, never watched a royal wedding, never been on a package holiday to Benidorm, never smoked a cigar, never driven a car and never mooned. He feels

diminished only by the last. With Paul, staying for the weekend, is Jeremy. Though gay he has never seen a Barbra Streisand movie or owned a cat. His mother in Glossop has never attended a funeral ("I don't believe in them"). More amazing still, his auntie Vivienne (Westwood,

the fashion designer) has though she was recently persuad-Believe it or ly, a video of herself on Chan-

nel 4. And consider sex. If one were to believe a quarter of the rubbish one reads, one would suppose it was barely pos-sible to be human without engaging

in vigorous, regular sexual activity with at least one other person and preferably dozens. Of course most people hardly do and many never do. Others don't drink -

honestly: not at all. Some do not eat meat. Half of Britain Many of my friends don't read newspapers. Some never go abroad, many do not fly, a couple have never been to London and one has never seen the sea. There even are people who have never been questioned by MORI or Gallup.

even politics, seems to revolve around marketing to "niches." Apparently we all fall into them. There is the Radio 4 Archers niche: the primetime TV soap niche; the sexually active under-50s niche: the holiday-in-Benidorm niche: the vilia in Tuscany niche. But the biggest niche of all is the niche people secretly worried by the fact that they haven't done or don't do something at all. Friends, you are my

I write this because future historians may try to recon-struct what life was like on Earth in 1996, and do it by reading old newspapers and watching television archives. So here is a message to you, historian of the 22nd century: "Do not overlook us. We abstain: we survive.

The Dublin summit has left Europe in a mess and the British have no policy and no influence

ermany's postwar history has been admirable — far better than that of Britain Why we're all losers in or France. The greatest achievement is the development of a the battle of the euro stable and mature democracy, combined with a strong economy. The

European scale, in the hope that would give the European Union the

advantages of a strong and stable currency that Germany has enjoyed

that a strong currency is a better basis for economic development than

a weak one. They have seen how the

opposite policy worked for Britain, The French objectives were very different. The French have been

successful in capturing the European Commission; Brussels is not just a

French agency, but it is to some degree a French agency.

Bernard Connolly was sacked for pointing out that the French objective

in supporting a single currency was to share the authority of the

deutschemark. But French currency

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cy stability its overriding objective, as

alongside the yen and the Swiss

The Bundesbank has made curren-

is legally bound to do; that has created the strong deutschemark, one of the world's hardest currencies

Germans know from experience

economic recovery started with the introduction of the deutschemark in 1948: in the first six months industrial Ludwig Erhard's social market economy gave Germany a freedom France had never enjoyed, and Britain did not enjoy until the 1980s. The strong Chancellors, Adenauer, Schmidt, Kohl, have given Germany

coherent political leadership. Germany is the economic anchor of the European Union. Reunification brought together the two parts of a single nation. No nation did more to wreck Europe in the first half of the 20th century, and none has done as much to heal and strengthen Europe in the second half. I wish that I could write in the German language, because I would like Germans to know that there are

many British people who recognise and value the German contribution to European development since 1945 and admire and like modern Germany. That is true even of many of those who, like myself, are thought of as Eurosceptics, or at least as anti-Maastricht. Fortunately, The Times has many German readers who speak excellent English and read it without difficulty. It is to them that this column is particularly address-

Sir Siegmund Warburg was the one great banker that London has seen since the war; he was trained in the classic German banking tradition of hard work, integrity, discretion and foresight. He brought to London the virtues of his German training. including an unremitting attention to detail. If he had been alive to study the single currency problem in its

oresent form, he would have been at least as concerned about the detail of policy as a political and commercial the arrangements as about the theoweapon. That was what President retical strategic implications; he would have known that the details Chirac meant when he blurted out on television that he saw the single would decide the strategic outcome. currency "as a means to fight against The issues which were decided at the US dollar". He did not mean that Dublin last week included some essential details. Germany has wanthe wanted the euro to be stronger than the dollar; he wants the dollar to go up in price, so that US exports will be less competitive. France is in ed to create a non-political euro which would be as good as the deutschemark; it was German policy favour of a competitive euro, which to re-create the deutschemark on a means a weak one.

The French Government also

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wants a politically-influenced euro, a currency which leaves room for governments to run deficits, and eases the social pressures which are now felt so strongly in France. M. Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, told the Financial Times: "We don't want all decisions on economic, budgetary. fiscal and monetary policy to be shaped by a technocratically-driven. semi-automatic system under the sole authority of the European Central Bank. That is not our concept of democracy."

France has now won two decisive victories. The Maastricht treaty itself made exchange-rate policy for the heavy reservations. We never had a euro a matter for the Council of referendum on Maastricht because

Ministers, acting through qualified majority voting. The Dublin summit agreed that fines arising from the stability pact will have to be determined by the Council of Finance Ministers, again acting by qualified majority voting. This is not an independent curo; the exchange-rate and fiscal policies will both be politically determined through the usual European process of bargaining for majorities in the Council of

It is now more than likely that Italy and Spain will be allowed to join the single currency from the beginning. The euro will not be a Germanic and independent currency, but a Latin and politicised one, not so much a substitute for the deutschemark as a substitute for the franc. It will not be a hard currency, but at best semi-soft. The deutschemark is the symbol of Germany's postwar achievement. To exchange it for a euro-mark would be a sacrifice, but an endurable one. To exchange it for a euro-franc is bitter

Germany is like Esan, who surren-dered his birthright for a mess of pottage. But if France has sandbagged Germany, Britain has played an almost contemptible role. We joined the exchange rate mechanism in 1990 at the wrong time — it coincided with the economic shocks of the recession and German reunification — and at the wrong price.

We agreed the Maastricht treaty in 1991 with an opt out, but also with after 1992 it would certainly have been lost. In 1992 we left the ERM, partly because Germany would not support us, but partly because it was unsustainable.

British public opinion has now swung decisively against a single currency, to the point at which British persphers bin of the European Union

membership of the European Union is threatened. It matters little that British fears of the euro are based more on the rigours of joining a hard currency than on fears of the inflationary character of a soft one. Sterling has long been a soft currency, so the French style politicised euro would feel rather like what we are used to already. The euro is now so unpopular in Britain that these distinctions are not being made. Germany needs Britain.

adly, the big failure of Ger-man as well as of British policy has been to allow the early 1970s triangle of German-Franco-British understanding to become a bilateral Franco-German alliance. That occurred after the death of President Pompidou in 1974 and the defeat of Ted Heath in the

The bilateral Franco-German relationship contains stresses which need the trilateral relationship with Britain to release them. Culturally Britain is a Nordic, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant country; the English are the lost German tribes. Excluding Britain, and Europe becomes predominantly a Catholic, Latin, Mediterranean culture, wearing a sort of Nordic top hat. Even the Poles are

The Dublin summit has left Europe in a mess. The British have no policy and no influence: Germany has lost the battle for a curp which will be as good as the deutschemark; even France has over-reached herself. and has killed the deutschemark

A royal crusade for change

The Prince of Wales's vision for

building a better designed Britain has

broken new ground in architectural

thinking, says Richard Hodges

he Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture was founded with a simple aim: to bring architectural thinkers and practitioners together both to address a range of concerns about the built environment as well as to explore alternative ideas for contemporary architecture.

that had arisen in teaching: while over the past two decades there has self evidently been staggering technological and economic change across the globe - which has had a profound impact on our cities, on architecture and on the environment - orthodox architectural education in Britain has signally failed to respond to these changes.

Instead of becoming more flexible and practical to cope with the speed and nature of change, it has instead retreated into the theoretical groves of academe which are ever more remote from people's everyday con-cerns — where it has inevitably been caught between the rock of profes-sional exclusivity and the hard place of deep university funding cuts. In contrast, the institute has pio-

neered entirely new ways of teaching which extend far beyond pure architectural theory, important though that is, to embrace wider planning issues, the fine arts and building crafts. These apparently novel — but in practice broadbased and traditional - teaching methods have included summer schools, urban design taskforces, a foundation course and post graduate and research degrees in both architecture and a range of

crucial related skills. They have taken place not just in Britain but also in Europe, east and west, and America. They have attracted students from all five continents, brought together by a shared disillusionment with the blinkered narrowness of modernist education. The striking vision that the Prince of Wales gave his institute broke new ground in architectural thinking. Far from being just a seat of learning, he intended it also to be a force which crusaded for change — drawing the zeal for that crusade from the concerns of ordinary people about the ment. He wanted it to enhance public understanding and appreciation of the value of traditional approaches to architecture and urban design.

From the beginning he was con-cerned that it should link the practical activities of the builder to the aesthetic concerns of the architectural theoretician - drawing on the tremendous surge of interest from ordinary people in the possibility of finding more in their surroundings than the unthinking arrogance and secular materialism offered by the architects and planners in recent In short, he set up the institute to

begin restoring to our towns and cities that sense of place which had been erased by the blitzkrieg of postwar development. The Prince's vision did not call for a simplistic application of any particular style, but a focused approach to developing a more sustainable system of creating the environment in which people have to live.

By those high standards set for it in 1992, the institute has seen remarkable success. In the four years since its launch, the institute has concentrated on developing a core educational programme combining traditional and innovative components. This in turn has had an important impact on traditional tertiary education, forcing a number of British institutions to develop new, interdisciplinary and modular courses. But these are huge issues, and in





four years we have been able only to make a start in changing attitudes and implementing the vision of the Prince — which is even more relevant summer school was held.

This is also clear from the recent publication by the Architects' Council of Europe of a manifesto, A Vision of Europe and Architecture Tomorrow. The central theme of this document. which draws on the Prince's book A

Vision of Britain, is stark in its clarity: "Much of tomorrow's built environment can and must be transformed to become an environment for all citizens. But that environment must be a built environment born out of a coherence of intention, where timeless themes of sustainability. durability and delight are restated for today's building user and for contemporary society." This message demonstrates that the concerns motivating the foundation of the institute are now widely shared: However, while it is now received

wisdom that our built environment faces huge challenges, the next step forward is less apparent. As a result, there is an opportunity for the institute to build upon the first four concentrate on finding innovative solutions to the problems of the late 20th century and to work ever more closely with the community at large. The institute should be a vehicle for planners, surveyors, managers, financiers, engineers and architects. who are all in need of fresh bearings in a world that is becoming steadily more conscious of community values and the logic of sustainability.

The institute, of which there are already nearly 200 alumni. has a chance to enter a new stage of development. securing a role as an important engine of change. We must seek to tackle as practically as possible the horrendous architectural problems that beset many of our inner cities.

For too long these problems have been the Cinderella issue of all those involved in British architecture talked about in hushed tones in municipal circles by planners and builders, but never receiving the practical and sensitive action they deserve. The institute intends to fill that void, and to make real progress in the crucial task of regenerating

The author was appointed as the Director of the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture last week. He is Professor of Archaeology at the University of East Anglia, and a former Director of the British School at Rome.

Peter Riddell is away and his column will resume ofter Christings. will resume after Christmas.

Melt down

Mandela is not getting the nutri-tional requirements needed for a man of his age. At a banquet in a KwaZulu/Natal town last week, he whispered to the organisers that he would like to take some of the food

home in a doggy bag.

After arriving an hour late for the lunch at a smart hotel, Mr Mandela seemed appalled at the

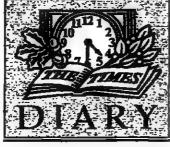


prospect of having to miss dessert if he was to keep his next appointment of unveiling a plaque in Howick. Determined to take it with him, he put the request to the hotel

Unfortunately it was not the most transportable choice. A dripping selection of fruits with kiwi, mango and raspberry sorbets in a wafer basket was assembled and the President dispatched a security officer to collect the package. "It's so nice to find such fine hospitality at a country establishment," he said, with enormous satisfaction.

Well noted

MONEY changed hands in the chamber of the House of Commons last week but to everyone's surprise not a murmur was raised. During a particularly boring debate Andrew MacKinlay turned round to his Tory colleague Andrew Robathan and handed him two £5 notes. The Speaker overlooked the incident supposing that MacKinlay was giving Robathan the money to buy a present for his recently born child. In fact the money was the re-



MacKinlay had said there would be a general election before Christmas, Robathan had bet against it.

• Neighbours of the ubiquitous radio and television presenter, Chris Evans, report that he has taken to cooking in the nude. He has been regularly spotted in nothing but an apron, if that, behind a simmering saucepan of bolognese sauce.

Painted lady

INSPIRATION is on hand for Kenneth Clarke as he struggles to make the national sums add up. At a reception last week at 11 Downing Street, Gillian Clarke, masterquilter and the Chancellor's wife, pointed admiringly to a portrait of Ada Byron, sole legitimate off-spring of arch-philanderer Lord

In contrast to her artistic father, Ada was a brilliant mathematician who assisted Charles Babbage in his pioneering work on computers. Her portrait now hangs in the Clarke's main drawing room: I like her very much," says a homely Mrs Clarke, "notwithstanding the mathematical connection, I think it's her strong jawline and strident pose that appeal."

Everything is not quite as it seems, however. In later life, I discover. Ada lapsed into gambling and opium abuse.

Sarnie barney

RIGHT-WING Tory MP for the Isle of Wight, Barry Field, is no slouch on his feet when it comes to apprehending a law breaker. He was being driven by his wife in their Land Rover in Cowes when a youth on the pavement hurled a large sandwich against the windscreen on the driver's side.
Field's shocked wife slammed on

the brakes. Without hesitation he leapt out and pursued the vandal who was fleeing down the street on the handle-bars of another youth's



happy when I caught up with him and took him to the police station." No charges were preferred.

 Dieting diners at Champney's health resort may be tempted to snack on the tiny but nutritious limbs of the edible dormouse (Lat-in: Glis Glis). An environmental audit of fauna and flora taken re-cently of the 170-acre estate has re-weated it is the habitat of these little creatures. They are a protected species, however, even though the chief executive, Lord Thurso. bike. I legged it after them, Field sounds positively bloodthirsty tonight. They are staying at the says. The offender was not too about them; They are low in fat Hassler Hotel near the romantic

and a refreshing alternative to turkey," he says, salivating.

Bussed up

THE SULTAN of Brunei, a firm fan of Kevin Keegan and the Mag-pies since they visited Brunei last year to play in a guest tournament and to give local players a spot of coaching, is giving Newcastle Uni-ted a £750,000 double-decker luxury coach. The black and whitestriped vehicle will include individual television sets for every seat and an area for the club physiotherapist to treat injured players

Star players have, before now, received jewel-encrusted watches as a token of appreciation, but this latest gift, has truly impressed the team. An ordinary executive coach with a television and video would only cost about £160,000," says a spokesman from a coach rental company.

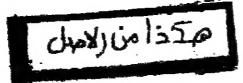
Stepping out

HUGH GRANT and Liz Hurley have arrived in Rome for the European premiere of the already much-ridiculed film Samson and Delilah



Liz Hurley: seen through Spanish Steps, but they have

booked into separate rooms. Hurley has resorted to her usual method of attracting attention. On Saturday night she attended a private view of the film in a full-length but see-through black backless dress by the designer Ungaro. The frock was so diaphanous that, "you could see her bottom right through it", according to one pop-eyed observer. Eventually even La Hurley tired of the attention and Grant lent her his jacket to cover up.



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Better evidence of low risk needed

Modern doctors must be as familiar with ethical guidelines as they are with Gray's Anatomy. As new skills and better techniques are developed, it becomes ever harder to shrug the shoulders and declare a case hopeless. Yesterday's bold experiments are tomorrow's clinical routine. But the success of new treatments, including those born in a storm of controversy such as organ transplants, has created a situation in which doctors are forced to play God, choosing where to bestow the gift of life. For every recipient of a transplanted organ, there are several more denied by age or circumstances; and thousands wait on lists aware that the supply of organs is never likely to be sufficient to help them.

Faced with these difficult choices, medicine can and should look to animals as an alternative source of organs. Not as new as they seem seem - insulin and heart valves from pigs have been saving lives for decades - techniques of xenotransplantation nevertheless do raise real ethical and safety issues. There are some who feel instinctively that exploiting animals in this way is morally indefensible. But the majority of those. including several expert committees, who have examined the subject closely have not concluded that this constitutes a real moral objection. Animals have been raised to eat for ten thousand years in spite of the fact that Homo sapiens can survive without meat. To baulk at raising animals in order to harvest their organs, when no alternative exists, would be irrational. Only if it could be shown that the animals suffered needlessly

would an ethical issue arise. The questions that remain are those of efficacy and safety. So far, we do not know whether animal-to-human transplants will work, and if so, how well. The scientific principles that underlie research programmes in Britain and in the US, however,

appear sound. They involve the production and breeding of transgenic pigs which express on the surface of their cells proteins derived from humans. If all works as intended, these proteins will switch off the attack which the human immune system would otherwise deploy to destroy the transplanted organ. The heart of a pig will have been given the outer appearance of a human heart, so far as the immune system is concerned, and sailing under these false colours it should be safe from a broadside which would otherwise demolish it. Laboratory experiments can be used to measure the success of this subterfuge, but the only true test will come on the operating table.

The patients chosen will have everything to gain and little to lose. But society has wider issues at stake. As we report today, viruses carried harmlessly by pigs may turn out to be harmful when transferred to man, even triggering an epidemic. Enough animal diseases have been transmitted to man to make this more than just a theoretical risk, but one that is not easy to measure. In the US, the risk has been deemed justifiable against the possible benefits and guidelines are relatively permissive. In other words, the hope of saving the lives of tens of thousands of people in need of a transplant outweighs the small risk of an animal virus infecting them and others.

In Britain, with the BSE disaster still unfolding and its human cost still uncounted, an even more stringent analysis will be needed. Tentative research has revealed a risk that pigs could carry viruses harmful to humans: that line of inquiry should be deepened. The proponents of xenotransplantation are confident that the risks are small; but so were the scientists who dismissed the dangers of BSE infecting man. Greater certainty than we have at the moment is needed before we go further.

ARMS AND IRAN

Clinton's caution is right - for now

Limited warfare is a delicate and difficult weapon for a government to unsheath, let alone to use. Washington politicians are debating whether President Clinton should launch missile attacks against targets in Iran as punishment for Iran's sponsorship of terrorists who killed 19 American servicemen at a barracks in Saudi Arabia last June. of cruise missile strikes against terrorist training camps or Iranian military bases. Given that neither the exact purpose of such strikes nor the evidence justifying them have yet been clearly defined. Washington is right. to pause and to play down the significance of its internal discussion.

Iran's sponsorship of terrorism across the world and the potential threat which the Tehran regime poses to the stability of a region stretching from Turkey to Turkmenistan is beyond dispute. If Iran was a state dedicated to the peaceful resolution of its disagreements with others and to eradicating terrorism, Salman Rushdie would not still be protected and in hiding. Some of the most precise allegations of terrorist sponsorship by Iran have been made in recent months by a German federal prosecutor who laid out evidence for his claim that both Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and spiritual and political Ayatollah Ali Khamenei personally approved the killing of four Kurdish activists in Berlin in 1992. Iran's intelligence minister is alleged to have ordered the murders and is wanted by the German police.

Confronting the Iranian danger has never been simple. Diplomatic attempts to nudge the Iranian political process towards "moderation" has never worked. The outside world has never mustered the cohesion

necessary to impose effective sanctions; it is by no means clear whether isolating a society and economy which has been through the sufferings of the Gulf War would yield much leverage. The "critical dialogue" conducted by the EU has delivered little except a disgraceful episode in which European governments which should Military action, if any, would take the form have known better almost gave way to Iranian blackmail over Mr Rushdie.

Against this background, American frustration is understandable. But punitive strikes need to be publicly justified to work. The evidence of Iranian involvement needs to be plain and accessible. The 1986 American air strike against Tripoli after US servicemen died in a German disco bombing was undermined by the weakness of information which Washington displayed in public and by the fact that it was persistently disputed. Officials in Washington have underlined that the information handed over by the Saudi Government needs checking. US investigators have not yet been allowed access to suspects detained by the Saudis. Transatlantic disagreements over Iran are already bad enough; they would hardly be improved by American action launched on a half-baked case.

Military action needs a clear purpose in view. Air strikes, as the Israelis have demonstrated, can be lethally effective against chemical or nuclear facilities which cannot easily be replaced. Because terrorism relies less on sophisticated technology and plant, hitting camps may achieve lesser results. Since the Iranian Government is unlikely to be discouraged from arming and financing killers by limited strikes against its facilities, any counter-action needs targeting at the killers theniselves.

RICH LINEAGE

Don't deny Ireland's heritage

The Irish character, like a Donegal tweed, may seem uniform at first but it is shot through with unexpected colour and one of the richest threads comes from the contribution of the Anglo-Irish. Since the first landfall of Norman knights almost a millennium ago the Celtic stock of the island has been leavened by outside influence. Ireland became not a colony but a cousin of England, ried by blood not bought and bound. Many of Ireland's favourite sons and not a few of her better daughters are Anglo-Irish in origin - from Jonathan Swift to W.B. Years, Louis MacNiece to Molly Keane. It is all the sadder then, as melancholy as a neglected garden, to witness the rude handling of the Anglohish gentry at the hands of the one party in Ireland that might be expected to honour

their heritage. Henry, Earl of Mount Charles, heir to the seventh Marquess of Conyngham and master of Slane Castle is the victim of discrimination. The discrimination is none the worse for being directed at an Old Harrovian pop promoter. Lord Mount Charles has been denied the chance to stand for Fine Gael in the forthcoming elections to the Dail. His desire to stand was not the mark of a dabbling dilettante but a man serious about politics. Lord Mount Charles is no Lord Suich. He carried Fine Gael's banner at the last general election and did notably well. He has been denied the prize that might be his, victory on the back of the Fine Gael-led government's economic success, because his elegant face no longer fits. The new Fine Gael candidate Fergus O'Dowd has talked disoblingly of those who have "a liberal dash of tally-ho". He could do with a liberal dash of by-your-leave. It is particularly unfortunate that Lord Mount Charles should be treated so in a party led by a man who has done so much to celebrate a pluralist vision of Ireland.

John Bruton is proud to proclaim as his hero John Redmond, the constitutional nationalist who sought an accommodation with Unionist concerns before republicanism bathed Ireland in blood. Last year, speaking at the Irish War Memorial Park at Islandbridge, he invoked the "British" part of Ireland's inheritance, paid tribute to those countrymen who had worn the King's uniform in the fight against fascism and asked for an Ireland in which "all strands" would be celebrated.

Even to make that speech, fifty years after de Valera presented his condolences to the German people on the death of the Fuhrer. required bravery. It will always be to Mr Bruton's credit. It is all the more a pity that Mr Bruton cannot keep as one of his candidates Lord Mount Charles, a distinguished sprig of a distinguished strand in lrish life. There are, at present, only two Protestants in the Irish Parliament which hopes to play a significant role in bringing peace to Ulster. A welcome from that parliament's parties to the minorities in their own midst might make it easier for others to extend a friendly hand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Euro regulations 'beneficial to UK'

From the Director General of the British Bankers' Association and others

Sir, John Redwood suggests (article. December 13) that the UK should veto the regulations providing the legal framework for the euro if we do not get our way in other areas.

These regulations are not an imposition from Frankfurt or Brussels. London-based banks and investment houses actively sought these key provisions to ensure that the meaning of existing contracts is not put in doubt by the introduction of the euro. The regulations will be beneficial to UK interests, and to the interests of other EU states, whether or not the UK chooses to participate. Without such certainty, there is a risk of litigation over the interpretation of existing contracts and, in the future, parties may be less willing to enter into long-term contracts in London for European currencies or the ecu.

Vetoing the legal framework will not delay the euro timetable - the relevant provisions will be brought in for the participating countries anyway in 1998 - it simply prejudices the UK's ability to compete on equal terms.

Yours faithfully, TIM SWEENEY, Director General, British Bankers' Association. KIT FARROW (Director General. London Investment Banking Association), CHRISTOPHER PEARSON (Chief Executive, Association for Payment Clearing Services), Pinners Hall, 105-108 Old Broad Street, ECZ. December 13.

Policy on EMU From Mr David Bramley

Sir. Mrs Gillian Bardinet (letter, December 12) is so right to point out that at the moment when the Tory party has run out of patience on EMU, the debate in France has only just begun in earnest.

The British Government's position is perfectly clear, perfectly correct and perfectly fair to Euro-sceptics and fanatics alike. It is to get the economy in shape to join - because the joining criteria are in any case good; to participate fully in setting up EMU - be-cause important UK interests are involved; at the point of decision to make a recommendation about joining; to let everyone vote in a referendum on that recommendation.

The Tories should actually be congratulating themselves on the soundness of the Government's position, a product of Anglo-Saxon pragmatism and prudence. "Wait and see" really means that the UK can now wait for the rest of Europe to catch up.

Vours faithfully DAVID BRAMLEY. 116 Avenue des Champs-Elysées, 75008 Paris. December 12

From Mr Richard C. Green Sir, Rather than "wait-and-see" or

wait until it's too late" (letter, December 5), surely with the French mayhem increasing as the winter goes on, threatened strikes in Germany and the miracle required for Italian participation, should not the policy be 'don't bother, it will never happen? Yours faithfully

RICHARD GREEN, The Whittern Farms Ltd. Lyonshall, Kington, Herefordshire.

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, Is it not extraordinary that a Prime Minister who is good-natured. fair-minded and fearless; who has a true sense of humour; and who puts the UK well to the fore of self, is seemingly a candidate for destruction by his own parliamentary party?

Yours faithfully. J. E. HUMPHREY. 9 Offington Gardens, Worthing, West Sussex. December 12.

From Mr Brian W. Haines Sir, I am in a quandary. I want a federal Europe, I believe in a single currency. I think we need it now.

So who do I vote for? Yours faithfully BRIAN W. HAINES. 9a Sharpleshall Street, NWI. December 9.

From Mr Alasdair Shand

Sir, Examination of the illustration of the proposed logo for the euro banknotes (December 12; letter, December 13) shows that it is not balanced, being heavily biased to the left, and will have a tendency to roll over on its back. The euro would appear to be unstable as compared to the £ whose logo clearly has a sound base.

Yours faithfully. ALASDAIR SHAND, Timber Hall, Cold Christmas, Ware, Hernordshire. December 13.

From Mr Richard F. Webh Sir. The 200 and 500 euro banknotes,

at today's values, would be worth ap-proximately E150 and E375 respectively. Is someone anticipating significant levels of inflation? Yours faithfully,

R. F. WEBB. 22 Coverdale Road. -Solihull, West Midlands. December 14.

Angling for solution on cormorants

From Major Sidney Vines

Sir. Brian Clarke's article, "Why cormorant report was shooting in the dark" (Sport, December II; see also letters, December 9), is a clear and forceful account of the untold damage done to the sport of angling by the Angling Times article which reported what appeared to be a wholesale massacre of cormorants by anglers - and approved of it.

I have been an angler all my life (I am now over 70) and I regard the whole tenor of the Angling Times article as false. Anglers are a law-abiding body, like the British nation of which they are a part. Also like the British nation, they contain a few hotheads. But to tar us all with the same brush is nonsense, written merely to cause sen-

Yours faithfully, SIDNEY VINES, l Willow Close, Laverstock, Salisbury, Wiltshire. December 11.

From Mrs Brigitte Langenhagen, MEP (European People's Party)

Sir, I fully agree that illegal, wild and uncoordinated shooting of cormo-rants is to be condemned, and have several times raised the issue in the

European Parliament. Since 1979, when the bird became a protected species, the situation has changed. There are now more than 600,000 commorants in Europe which seriously jeopardise fish stocks in the seas, lakes and rivers, and the once endangered bird now itself endangers other species which are part of the eco-

The European Parliament still wants the cormorant to be protected but has urged the European Commission to make a proposal to change the status of the protection. This would allow a European management plan to deal efficiently with the bird.

A common and co-ordinated Euronean action would make the single and uncoordinated killing of cormorants superfluous and result in a balanced eco-system.

97 Rue Belliard, B-1047 Brussels. December 13.

BRIGITTE LANGENHAGEN.

Yours etc.

From the Executive Director of the Angling Foundation

Sir. Annex I of the EU Bird Protection protection to 74 birds. It should have included the pygmy cormorant, an

President of the War Widows' Association of Great Britain

concerned over any proposed cuts in war pensions or benefits (report, December 6). Although we are assured that no existing war pensioners will have their income reduced, we understand that the Government proposes to abolish war widows' entitlement to rent allowance. This will affect future uncommon species confined largely to southeastern Europe.

However, in a mistake which has remained uncorrected, the list included the northern European cormorant for sinensis subspecies), a migratory bird which did not merit its newlyacquired status as rare, vulnerable or endangered.

With the adoption of the directive in Britain, through the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, all cormorants were granted protected status in this country, including the resident, numerous carbo subspecies and the sinensis form. Cormorant numbers rose to about 17,000, and, with increased commercial exploitation of inshore fish stocks, conflict with anglers be-

came inevitable.

The impact of the error was evident, too, throughout mainland Europe, where total numbers of the sinensis subspecies have expanded more than tenfold. Mirroring this trend has been the build-up of widespread anger among European anglers: 10,000 of them attended a lobby of the European Parliament at Strasbourg last October.

Resolution of the present conflict necessitates an admission of error by the EU and the reversal of the relevant legislation.

Yours faithfully. BRUNO BROUGHTON. Executive Director, The Angling Foundation, National Agriculture Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. December 9.

From Mr John Gudgeon

Sir, Is not the alleged problem the same as the one which pigeon fanciers claim to have with peregrine falcons, and which some sheep farmers and grousemoor proprietors claim to have with other raptors? It is called the

predator-prey relationship.

More pigeons put up by fanciers,
more waters opened and stocked for angling, more intensive stocking of fish, simply mean more food for predator species such as the cormorant, which will therefore thrive.

If that is so, then culling will not solve the problem. After all, you prune your plants to make them grow even more strongly. Do anglers really want

"super-cormorants"? Yours sincerely, JOHN GUDGEON, Downham Market, Norfolk.

War widows' pensions

From Baroness Strange,

Sir. This association is naturally very war widows.

Rent allowance is only paid to those widows who have a dependent child and so normally affects only the youngest war widows in the country. They are often living in Service accommodation at the time of their husband's death and so have to find somewhere else to live. The allowance can make a difference to them, yet the savings to the Government would be very small. On March 31, 1996, only 747 widows were in receipt of this payment. As the maximum is £30 per week, and most receive less than half this amount, it costs the Government

in the order of £1 million. In 1995 Parliament agreed to rein-

December 10.

state widows' pensions to war widows who had lost their pension through remarriage and were now again single. The estimated cost of this was given as £45 million. We understand that this was over-budgeted and that it has only cost about £35-40 million to implement. Further savings are surely unnecessary - indeed we should like to see the savings made on the reinstatement used for the benefit of war

The approximately 2,300 war widows in receipt of an attributable Forces Family Pension (an occupational pension to which their husband contributed) should be allowed to keep that pension (not the DSS pension) for life - at present they lose all their pensions if they remarry or cohabit. Redressing this wrong would not involve any new money; we calculate that it would actually result in a saving to the DSS budget.

STRANGE, House of Lords. December 9.

Dyslexic children

From Dr Henry Pearson

Sir, As the father of a dyslexic child I was somewhat shocked to read re-marks by Alice Mahon, MP for Halifax, implying that dyslexia was a mental illness, potentially caused by being a "latchkey child" (report, "Mental illness will strike 40% of children", December 21.

Dyslexia is a developmental disorder marked, typically, by difficulty in learning to read despite adequate intelligence and conventional teaching. Evidence exists for both genetic and environmental causes of dyslexia: it can run in families, and it has also been related to problems arising dur-

ing birth. A valid point would be that "latchkey children" who also have the mis-fortune to be dyslexic are less likely to receive the family support very necessary to cope with homework that often takes longer than for others, catching up on work not completed in class and on extra homework set as part of a remedial scheme.

Yours faithfully HENRY PEARSON, 88 Wodeland Avenue. Guildford, Surrey. December 3.

Heart to hub

From Mr Victor Broadribb

Sir, Regarding Dr Robin Weller's letter (December II) citing St Matthew vi, 19 ... where ... thieves break through and steal".

Some years ago I went to put the evensong collection into the vestry safe only to discover the disappearance, via the vestry room kitchen window, of collections from services held earlier in the day. It was Harvest Festival: I reckoned that at the time of the then we were singing "All is safely gathered in ... ".

VICTOR BROADRIBB (Churchwarden). 5 Parish Piece, Holmer Green, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. December 11.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faced to 0171-782-5046.

Fatigue syndrome

From Dr Clifford Yorke

Sir. Dr Stuttaford quotes the report published in October by the Royal Colleges of Physicians, Psychiatrists and General Practitioners on chronic fatigue syndrome/ME with an uncritical eye (report, December 6; letters, December 13). But The Lancet, in its editorial of October 12, was forceful in its criticism, calling the report "haphazardly set-up, biased, and inconclu-

It pointed out that the psychiatrists have "won the day for now", but said that things might look very different in ten years time when at least some of the conditions now grouped together as CFS/ME may be found to have an organic origin.

Yours faithfully CLIFFORD YORKE (Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist). Anna Freud Centre, 21 Maresfield Gardens, NW3.

Exemption appeal for firearms Bill

From Mrs Sarah Cooper and others

Sir. The Firearms (Amendment) Bill is to have its second reading in the Lords on December 16. The Bill will destroy the sport of pistol shooting in this country, a sport which is one of the original 12 modern Olympic disciplines. Its proposed restrictions on .22 calibre pistol shooting will inhibit and prevent our best competitors from training to the necessary standard to represent this country in international competition.

The Bill will also mean that the highly successful national team can-not participate in higher-calibre pistol events in any international competition, including when we host the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in

Imagine the sense of outrage if other high-profile sporting people were similarly affected: Steve Redgrave sitting on the towpath at the next Olympics or the English football team being precluded from taking part in this year's European Cham-pionship. Those who devote their lives to excellence in shooting sports have the same right as any other sportsmen or women to expect their needs to be

properly considered. The Government should exempt the small and highly defined group of competitors who make up the nation-al squad. To suggest that these people are likely to commit an outrage such as Dunblane is highly insulting. They are the same dedicated sportsmen and women who have been hailed as heroes when bringing home numer-

ous medals for this country. Yours faithfully, SARAH COOPER (Commonwealth gold medallist), MALCOLM COOPER Olympic gold medallist). CHRIS HECTOR Commonwealth gold medallist), MIKE JAY (British and Welsh free pistol champion), JOHN LEIGHTON-DYSON (National Rifle Association SHIRLEY McINTOSH mmonwealth gold medallist), SUSAN PRESTON IAN SHIRRA-GIBB (British national coach). c/o The National Smallbore Rifle Association, berts Ho Bisley Camp, Woking, Surrey.

Hodgkin's work

From Mr David Gould

December 13.

Sir, When John Ruskin accused Whistler of flinging a pot of paint in the face of the public, I doubt if he could have anticipated what might follow 100 years later.

He would have been utterly amazed to see Howard Hodgkin's work at the Hayward Gallery (review, Arts. Dec-ember 10), and he would have been baffled by Richard Cork's flowery prose. The coloured reproduction of Keith and Kathy Sachs would have appeared to Ruskin as palette scrapings, and the daubing of a besmattered frame would have astonished him

even further. Dare one claim that Ruskin unwittingly brought about a new dimension

in painting? Yours most sincerely. DAVID GOULD. Highcroft. South Woodchester, Gloucestershire.

December II. From Mr William Wells

Sir. What a pity that Richard Cork in his enthusiastic review of the Howard Hodgkin retrospective should choose to illustrate it with a picture that would cause a new pupil at nursery school to retire to the corner of the room in embarrassment.

Yours faithfully. BILL WELLS. 30 Compton Close. Southerest, Redditch, Worcestershire. December 11.

Rich and poor

From Mr D. Parry-Smith

Sir, Professor P. D. J. Weitzman (letter, December 1)) highlights the riches being spent by people in the UK on Christmas presents, while the poor children of Afghanistan rob graves to pay for food for their families. What is new about this? It was ever thus, and with more people, there can only be more poor.

Yours faithfully.
DAVID PARRY-SMITH, Withenlea, 10 East Field, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon. December ! |.

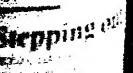
Seasonal spouses

From Mr Sid Sullivan

Sir. During a recent shopping expedition I chanced upon a display of Christmas cards for "wives" above which was the following inducement: "Buy any three and get a fourth free." is this an example of goodwill to all

Yours festively

SID SULLIVAN Ellenor Conages, 25 New Road, Brentford, Middlesex, December 14.



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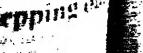


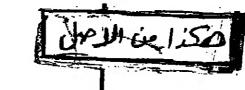


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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 15: The Duke of York left Heathrow Airport. London, this evening for Hong

Timothy Allan are in attendance. Sir John Birch (Special Representative of the Secretary of

Birthdays today

Robert Gunn, former chairman,

the Boots Company, 71: Miss Heather Hallett, QC, 47: Sir Jasper

Hollom, former deputy governor, Bank of England, 79; Mr John

Kirwan, rugby player, 32: Miss Jacqui Lait, MP, 49: Lord Monistone, 76: Mr Trevor Pinnock, harpsichordist and conductor, 50: Sir Victor Princette.

CH, author and critic, 96; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Bar-rett, 74; Mr N Shibata, chairman,

Gesterner Holdings. 58; Miss Liv

Ullmann, actress, S8: Mr W.H.P. Whatley, trade unionist, 74: Gen-eral Sir Roger Wheeler, 55.

A memorial service for Tony Smith, Political Editor of the Daily

Star, will be held at St Bride's

Fleet Street, at moon on Wednes-day, January 15. All friends and

A memorial service for Mme J.

Mme J. Gaudin

(Kay)

Tony Smith

Appointments in the Forces

State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs) was present and took leave of His

Captain Neil Blair, RN. Mr

Geoffrey Crawford and Major

Mr J.M. Blackburn, chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 55: Mr N.C. Blamey, artist, 82: Sir Royal Navy and Royal Marines Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: C.R. Syle - MOD
London in rank of Cdre 6/5/97;
P.J. Tyrrell - Heron 14/1/97.
COMMANDER: P.E.N. Brockwell MOD Bristol 14/3/97; R.T. Love Fost Sea 31/1/97; M.R. Pepper MOD London 16/5/97; M.J.
Potter - FOTR Portsmouth
25/7/97; K.D.J. Slowe - Lancaster
16/4/97. Michael Carlisle, former chair-man, Trent Regional Health Au-thority, 67: Mr Arthur C. Clarke, science writer, 79: Her Hon Myrella Cohen. QC, 69: Professor Bernard Crick, author, 67; the Hon Peter Dickinson, author, 69; Mrs Jacqueline Duncan, principal, Inchbald School of Design, 65; Mr Joel Garner, cricketer, 44; Sir CHAPLAIN: M.J. McCall 27/2/97.

The Army LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Lieu-tenant-General Sir Robert Hayman-Joyce to be Deputy Chief of Defence Procurement (Operations) of the Ordnance - 20/12/96. MAJOR-GENERAL: Brigadier P.A. Chambers to be Senior Army

Member. Royal College of Defence Studies. in the rank of Major-General - 20/12/96. Royal Air Force GROUP CAPTAIN: M.Gleave HQ AWC, 16/12/96, J.W. White HO I GP, 16/12/96, P.A. Coker MOD. 20/12/96, C.W. Ness

HQLC, 20/12/96. WING COMMANDER: R.T. Johnston - Red Arrows, 9/12/96. C.B. Montagu - DSGT Cranwell. 16/12/96. J.A. Young - HQLC SM20 Wyton, 16/12/96. S.E. Senior SM20 Wyton, 16/12/96. S.E. Senior - HQLC, 16/12/96. D.P.C. Clark - Leeming, 16/12/96. A.F. McNish - HQ PTC, 16/12/96. B.J. Comina - HQ PTC, 16/12/96. D.P. Murray - Wittering, 16/12/96. M.K. Parker - RAF Coll Bracknell, 16/12/96. T. Winstanley - Cosford, 16/12/96. T. Winstanley - Cosford, 16/12/96. G.J. Howard - HQ STC, 16/12/96. C.C. Doye - HQLC SM60, 18/12/96. Gaudin (Kay) will be held at the Church of St Michael and Ali Angels, Sunninghill, Berkshire, on Friday, January 17, 1997, at noon.

Nature notes

FIELDFARES, which are large wintering thrushes from Scandin-avia, have spread throughout the country. They were reported in the London parks yesterday. Their smaller relatives, the redwings, are also widespread and are mostly feeding on hawthorn berries, which are still plentiful after the heavy autumn crop. On frozen lakes lust week, carrion crows and magpies were venturing out onto the ice, picking up scraps of food that were released as the ice melted from the Continent have joined our native birds on farmland: when they rise from the ground together they fly off in a hesitant, indecisive

way, like a cloud blown to and fro. Most trees are bare, but under-ground the fungi on their roots spread out and draw sustenance for them from the surrounding soil. The importance of these fungi for them has only recently been fully realised. The fungi in turn take nutrients that they need from the tree. Hemlock plants are still standing tall, and their dead



the hartstongue fern are still



The Prince of Wales's Christmas card for 1996 shows him with Prince William, 14, and Prince Harry, 12, on the moors near the royal estate at Balmoral. The picture was taken on a misty autumn morning

The Sovereign's Parade, Sandhurst

The Duchess of Gloucester represented the Queen at the Sov-ereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on

Friday.
The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 961:

The Sword of Honour was wen by Junior Under Officer RAJ. Chisholm and the Queen's Medal was won by Officer Cader E.L.

Moodhams.

M J Acton, RE, Cheltenham C; S Ahsan, RAMC, Seven Kings Hs. Ilford: S J Ainsworth, PARA, Loughborough Grammar S; E S Allan, R Signals, Rudolf Steiners; S O Allin, RE, Kings S, Worcester; R S Amey, RIC. Kingsway HS, Chester; D J Ashron, R Signals, Welbeck C; R A Bailey, Int Corps, Ellon Academy, Ellon; N G Barber, RHF, Halkeybury S; E M H Barham, REME, Chichester HS; P M Barlow, RE, Newcastle RGS; D L Baysting, AGC (PRO), Kingdown S; L M Beer, AGC (SPS), Bassaleg CS, Newport: J L Bell, AGC (ETS), Brinburn CS, South Shleids; P Bell-Hughes, RA, Ysgol Aberconwy, S, Conwey; J A S Beilman, RHG/D, Littlemead S, Chichester, A L Benn, RAMC, Old Swinford Hospital S; N Boggan, AGC (PRO), Our Ladies HS, Cumbernauld; GK Bowdier, R Signals, Corle Hills S; A L Bower, RIC, Preston CS, Ysovil; J E Bracoy, RIC, Bedford Modern S; HA Beredin, RA, Martborough C; G D Brown, RE, Perth HS; M D Burbridge, Cheshire, Rydal S; R A Burdon Cooper, ID, Oundie S; A R P Bushby, EW, Morrisons Academy.

Academy.

B J Cattermole, Scots DG, Monkton Combe S: M J Chambers, R Signals, Northallerton GS; R A J Chisholm, Li, Boumemouth S: M J Chohan, RLC, Royal Grammar 5 Guildford; G D H Clifford, 9/12 L Burtington Danes 5, London, P J N Collis, LD, Shrewsbury S; J R G Connolly, RE, Ardingly C: N J Constable, RA, Kings S, Bruton; E L Covell, AGC (ETS), Sevenoaks S; A K T Crapper, R Signals, Anthony Gell S; N O Crewe-Read, RRW, Wellington C; J L Cross, RLC, St Helen/St Katharine S; Y Cumming, AGC (SPS), St Leonards S, St Andrews; C A Curry, PWRR, Alleyn's S; C J Cuss, RDG, Cardinal Vaughan S; E J D Dick, RLC, Welbeck C; R A L

(01797) 222394.
TROUNSOM - Philip Morkam, on Wednesday 11th December, tragically in a road accident, aged 34.
Beloved son of Disma and the late Jim Trounson, much loved brother of Floma and Richard, dear gandson and nephew. Funstal Service St Aldheims Church, Richonstone, on Feder 20th Richonstone, on Feder 20th

Aldhelms Church, Bishopstrow, on Friday 20th December at 1.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.M.L.I. C/o F Cartis & Son, 11 Postway, Warminster, Wilts, tel: (01965) 212033.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CARTER - Elicen Mary on the fourth anniversary of her death. Very much loved and respected by all who knew

COWARD Nocl. Remembered with love on his hirthday Gezham & Joan.

PIGGOTT - Dr. Charles Anton

WATTS - Joan. Always and especially loved, Avery.

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MINERS - Valmai Joy (née Devanish-Meares), on 11 December 1996, peacafully at home, aged 68. Widow of John, destry loved mother of Jane and Clive, sister of Joan, Grainly to James, Thomas and Nicole, mother-in-law to Annilelde and Michael. Funeral Service on Thursday 19th December at 12 noon, Chaltenham Crematorium, Flowers or donations to Cancer Research to Seilm Smith and Co, 74 Prestbury Road, Chaltenham, Gloa. Tel: (01242) 525383.

MODISON - Peacefully on December 9th aged 76, Glenys Mary (née Cotes) of Wilbury Road, Hove. Cremation 3.45 pm Priday December 20th at Woodvale Crematotium, Donathous to Leukaemia Care Society or The Brighton and Hove Samaritans. Enquiries to Hanningtons F/D, (01273) 778733.

OLIVER - Norah, on 12th December, in Greenwich District Hospital, beloved wife of George William and mother of David Barry, Lynne and Vincent.

PEARSON On December 12th 1996 Joan at Ecwcroft hospice Torquay after a counseque five year fight against cancer. Loving wife of Stan and loving mother of Hona (Feppy) and mother in hw of Stehand Coell. Femenal service at Torquay crematorium Thursday December 19th at 3pm. Family flowers only. Dountlons for Rewordt hospice de Daless of Torbay funeral service, Hele Rosd, Torquay. TOI 70G

RUTMERFORD - Elisabeth (Betty), died peacefully at home, aged 85 years, committed trampaigner for animals and peace. Crematon at Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Erighton, on Wednesday 18th December at 3.15pm.

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E M. Gaynor, Green Howards, Ampleforth C; K M Globs, AGC (ETS), Lord Digby's S, Sherborne: M T A Gibson, A and SH, St Edwards S, Oxford: I J Gilligan, AGC (PRO), Kingussie HS; D Godderloge, RLC. Honley HS, Hudderslield; Joddrey, LD, Duke of Yorks RMS: K E Goring, AGC (PRO), Aldridge S; M J Graham, A and SH, Eton C; M D Griffiths, RRW, Str Thomas Picton S; C L Hanlin, RE, Arden S, Solihuti; R A Harford, DWR, Berkhamstead S; L N Harron-Carter, PARA, Kent C; A D Hawes, R Signals, Langley GS, Slough; R J Hewson, RE, Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield; C A Hill, RA, Loughborough GS: J R Hill, RGJ, Abingdon S; G M G Hodder, Coldm GdS, Rugby S; AJ Holland, Gren Gds, Eton C; R M Hope-Hawkins, KRH, Malvern C; D M Hoult, ORH, Mariborough C: M J How, RE, King Edward VI; S; S C Hudson, AGC (PRO), Bedford HS; D M Hunts, RIC, Canon Slade S, Bolton; S J F Ing, RRF, Ellesmere C; E J Insult, RA, Haybridge HS, Hagley; I Johnston, AAC, George Watson's C; P A Joyce, RHF, St.

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Marriages

Mr J.W. Berry and Mile A.E.C. Molin

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 14, at the Church of Saint Philippe du Roule, Paris. between Mr Jonathan William Berry, only son of the Hon Adrian and Mrs Berry, of Kensington, London, and Mile Aurèlie Molin, daughter of M and Mme Jean-Pierre Molin, of Paris. Pere A. Guggenheim and Father Matthew Harrison officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Laure Henderson and Miss Tatiana Scali. Mr Rich-ard White and Mr Miguel Cullen

were best men.

A reception was held at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, Paris.

Mr A. Cripps and Miss K. MacGregor

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 14, at St George's Church, Hanover Square, of Mr Adrian Cripps, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cripps, to Miss Keris Marchael Cripps, to Miss Katie MacGregor, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John MacGregor. The Rev W Arkins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr William MacGregor, was attended by Miss Lorraine Young, Miss Sophie Richardson, Ceita Richardson, Ce son, Amelia Bendel, Harry Richardson and Sam Bendel. Mr Michael Eades was best man.
A reception was held at Buck's

Dr B. Dukowski

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, of Dr Bruce Dakowski, son of the late Mr Tomasz Dakowski and of Mrs Vera Key Sloane, to Miss Serena Donne, daughter of Mr David Donne and the late Mrs Jennifer Donne, Prebendary William May-nard Alkins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Carole Ashby. Mr Anthony Hobson was best man. A reception was held at Brooks's St James's, and the honeymoon is being spent in Brazil.

Douai School

The Abbot and Community of Douai Abbey are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter McLaughlin, presently deputy head of St. George's, Weybridge, as headmaster of Douai School. He will succeed Eather Edmund Poster. OSB in Father Edmund Power, OSB, in September 1997 and will be the first lay head in Doual's history.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Catherine of Aragon first wife of King Henry VIII. Alcalá de Henares, Spain, 1485; John Selden, lawyer and historian, Worthing, 1584; George White-field, evangelist, Gioucester, 1714; Gebhard von Blücher, field marshal, Rostock, Germany, 1742; Ludwig van Beethoven, composer, Boon, 1770; Jane Austen, novelist, Steventon Rectory, Hampshire, 1775; Mary Russell Mitford, essay-ist and dramatist, Alresford, Hampshire, 1787; Wassily Kandinsky, abstract painter, Mos-cow, 1866; Frederick Pollard, historian, Ryde, 1869; Anton Denikin, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in the Russian civil war 1918forces in the Russian civil war live-20, near Warsaw, 1872; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Kecskemet, Hungary, 1882; Str John (Jack) Hobbs, cricketer, Cambridge, 1882; King Alexander I of Yugoslavia, reigned 1929-34. Cetinje, 1888; Sir Noel Coward, playwright and Mr J.S. Ryan and Miss H.L. Irvine The engagement is announced between James Sean, eldest son of

Forthcoming :

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lohe, Germany, and of Mrs Charles N. Brower, of Washington

The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Mr and Mrs

Geoffrey Grayson, of Willerby, East Yorkshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Geary, of Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire.

The engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of Mr David Harrison, of Nottingham and the late Mrs Mary Harrison.

and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Leslie, of London.

Mr C.E.F. Paumer and Miss J.M. Fletcher The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Paimer, of Tilshead, Wiltshire, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Fletcher, of Little Witley,

Captain M.P. David and Miss C.D. Ponti

Mr E.R. Grayson and Miss C.E. Geary

Mr J.E. Harrison and Miss A.M. Leslie

Mr C.E.F. Painter

between James Sean, excess son of Mr Herbert Ryan and Mrs Deirdre Ryan, of Rome, Italy, and Helen Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Irvine, of Pinner, Middlesex.

West Buckland School

The Governors have appointed Mr John Vick, MA. currently Deputy Headmaster at Woodbridge School, as Headmaster of West Buckland School from September 1997 on the retirement of Mr Michael Downward, MA.

His Honour Bruce Laughland, QC

The Chambers of Nicholas Jarman, QC, 4 King's Bench Walk. Temple, held a dinner at The Ivy on Saturday, December 14, in bonour of His Honour Bruce Laughland, QC, to mark his retirement from the Circuit Bench at the Central Criminal Court.

phia, 1901. DEATHS: Sir William Fear, por-tical economist, London, 1687; Thomas Pennant, naturalist, Downing, Bintshire, 1798; David Hamilton, architect, Glasgow, 1843; Richard Bright, physician, London, 1888; Wilhelm Grimm, collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1889;

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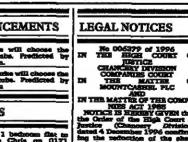
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OBITUARIES

EDWARD BLISHEN

Edward Blishen, author and broadcaster, died on December 13 aged 76. He was born on April 29,

n old-fashioned journeyman of Grub Street, after an apprenticeship as a schoolmaster, Edward Blishen made his living out of writing combined, once he had made his name as an author, with regular broadcasting. He wrote a number of autobiographical works as well as helping to produce various books and anthologies for children. But he will almost certainly be remembered best for the charm and enthusiasm with which he conducted the BBC Radio 4 programme, A Good Read.

He was already nearly 70 when he first started present-ing this programme in 1989, but his selection to act as host to distinguished authors choosing their own books proved an inspired one (latter-ly he got a right of choice, too). Never intimidated even by figures of the stature of Claire Tomalin and Roy Jenkins, he brought his own lightly worn erudition to all studio discussions and this, combined with his mellow, appealing broadcasting voice, gave the pro-gramme its distinctive flavour.

His success in the role was a just reward for all the years he had spent tolling in the bowels of Bush House, working on unshowy programmes for the BBC's World Service audience, of which the best known was probably the eclectic Writers' Club which he presented for the African Service for 13

Next to his Radio 4 broadcasting, his other main claim to fame lay in his popular series of autobiographical books - what he realistically described as "a forward-moving mosaic of sketches" about a life that was not, in fact, all that momentous. His writing, though, was colourful, with a deft touch for comic detail, and

R. C. D. Perman, Fellow

of St Peter's College, Oxford, 1956-88, died on

December 3 aged 75. He

was born on February 17,

1921.

REG PERMAN was don of

the old school who devoted the

whole of his working life to

lecturing, tutoring, examining

and administration in the

University of Oxford. A mod-

est man, he would probably

have been astonished to dis-

cover the high regard in which

Reginald Charles Dennis

Perman went up to St John's College, Oxford, from Eltham

College in south London with

an Open Scholarship in Mod-

ern Languages in Trinity

service he spent with the

decoding group at Bletchley. Resuming his studies in 1945,

already married and a father,

he took a first in French and

gained a Harmsworth Senior Scholarship at Merton Coll-

ege. In 1948 he was made a

faculty lecturer in the univer-

sity with attachments as a

lecturer at St Peter's Hall and

Balliol College. He was awarded the Paget Toynbee Prize for work in Old French

in 1949, and became a Tutorial

Fellow of St Peter's in 1956.

Term 1940. Most of his war

he was held.

R. C. D. PERMAN



he always managed to leave his public eagerly waiting for

his next offering.

Born in Barnet, north
London, Edward William Blishen was educated at Queen Elizabeth Boys' Grammar School there. On leaving school he became a reporter on a weekly newspaper in Muswell Hill from 1937 to 1940, and, as a conscientious objector, spent the war years as an agricultural worker. After the war he took up teaching, first at The Hall preparatory school in Hamp-stead from 1946 to 1949 and for the next nine years, until he became a full-time writer, at Archway secondary modern school in Islington.
It was this experience which

the quality of its guest-night

meals and of the wines in its

cellars, flourished. He fulfilled

the offices of Vice-Master and

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and was a valued source of lore and wisdom for the

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As French tutor, Perman

ege under whom he served.

set him on his writing career. His first book, Roaring Boys (1955), which he wrote while he was still teaching (concealing the school's name by calling it Stonehill), was set in a secondary modern school in a slum district and describes how an inexperienced young teacher gradually acquired a measure of control over his tough pupils, an assortment of insolent misfits. It contained some fine pen-portraits and brought him instant recognition as a writer of much promise and as a pundit and broadcaster on educational themes.

He was immediately propelled into a new status in which he found himself invited to lecture or speak at educational gatherings in vari-

Sir Charles Sopwith,

ous parts of the world. It was, he said, as if, having knocked up a shed in the back garden, he had been invited to take part in the designing of St Paul's. It all provided rich material of which he was to make full use as a professional writer with an aptitude for acute observation and a penchant for treating serious subjects in an entertaining and sometimes slightly irreverent

Blishen spent some time being what he described as a "literary oddjobman" adapting novels for broadcasting in instalments and during the 1960s editing a number of children's encyclopaedias, miscellanies and books of poetry for children. Then, in

manner.

1969, he followed up his first highly successful novel with another book about teaching. This Right Soft Lot. The following year, with Leon Garfield, he wrote The Gold Beneath the Sea, a children's book which won the Library Association's Carnegie medal.

But it was for his autobiographical themes that he became best known. In A Cackhanded War (1972) he wrote good-humouredly about his conscientious objection to war service and of his experiences as an agricultural work-er in the fields and farms of East Anglia.

Blishen's love of literature and music had earlier cut him off from his father, a clerk in the Civil Service who did not

approve of his son becoming an intellectual: in Sorry, Dad (1978) Blishen made an attempt to sympathise with, even if he did not wholly understand, his parents' attitude, and in Lizzie Pye (1982) he wrote again about his family, this time his mother and his middle class upbringing. A Nest of Teachers (1980) brought him back to an educational theme, teacher training, and his next book. Shake Relations (1981), for which he drew on his experiences as a lecturer and broadcaster, won him the J. R. Ackerley prize

for autobiography.

Donkey Work (1983) is an account of his rise from unknown teacher to modest celebrity status as broadcaster and reviewer. His other autobiographical publications include A Second Skin (1984), The Outside Contributor (1986) and The Disturbance Fee (1988): in all of them he achieved a nice balance between amusing, sometimes farcical, experiences and serious reflection. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 1989.

Blishen was able to conclude the last series of A Good Read - though he had started to alternate with another presenter - before becoming ill. It had, however, already been decided that he would not take part in the next series when it

returns in January.

He was one of the doyens of sound radio broadcasting, having been regularly at the microphone - he presented The World of Books for the Overseas Service's Topical Tapes long before he came to the presenter's chair of A Good Read - for nearly forty years. There are a number of African writers who owe him a great debt for the encouragement he gave them through the African Service's Writers' Club, with which he was first

associated as long ago as 1959. Edward Blishen is survived by his wife, Nancy, whom he married in 1948, and by two

ERNST BAMMEL

Ernst Bammel, New Testament scholar, died on December 5 aged 73. He was born in Adenau, Germany, on January 20, 1923.

AN EMERITUS Fellow of St Edmund's College, Cam-bridge and Emeritus Reader in Early Christian and Jewish Studies at the university. Ernst Bammel was a scholar of profound learning. In Cambridge his angular figure seemed to translate the almost untranslatable German word Wissenschaft, which, while it literally these days means science, stands for the whole corpus of human knowledge. In academic discussion Bammel's thin face lit up, and he was charged with energy and determination. The New Testament was at

the heart of his work. His numerous publications also embraced rabbinics, the church fathers, the 19th-century church, and intellectual history. An historian by training, he stressed the impor-tance of the Jewish setting of Paul and John as well as of Jesus. His approach stood out in a period when, under the influence of Rudolf Bultmann, the New Testament was widely being related to Gnostic writings and existential

philosophy.

He was born the son of a scholarly pastor, Fritz Bammel, and his wife Paula in Adenau, a small town in the Eifel, the hilly region west of the Rhine between Koblenz and Bonn, He studied at the universities of Bonn, Göttingen, Tübingen and Vienna. At Bonn he took his two doctorates, one of philosophy (on 19th-century German history) and the other of theology. In the latter he was a pupil of the New Testament scholar Ethelbert Stauffer, whom he followed to Erlangen University. Here Bammel was habilitiert - formally inaugurated into academic life — and became a lecturer.

Stauffer was a difficult man. and Bammel did not share all his views; but he did not wish to disagree publicly with a teacher to whom he owed so much, and whom he judged to be as distinguished as the

better-known Buitmann. Such problems influenced him when he successfully applied for a lectureship in Divinity at Cambridge in 1962. He already knew Eng-land, having visited Oxford and worked there, and having been for a time the S. A. Cook Bye-Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He later became a Fellow of St Edmund's College and was appointed to a university Readership.

He was honoured in 1983 and 1990 by volumes of essays written by former pupils and other friends, and in 1992 by the award of the British Academy's Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies.

Bammel's lecture courses on the Johannine literature and on textual criticism amounted in each case to a substantial original treatise. They required corresponding attention. His audiences looked forward, perhaps unworthily,

to the occasional Teutonism There was always the hope that the lecturer might mention what he for long called the "truncation of John the Baptist".

Another feature of Bammel's teaching was his stimulating graduate seminar. It took place in his crowded room, which was not so much book-lined as bookpervaded. Bammel concentrated on the sources, but also drew on his deep knowledge of earlier scholarship, with a penchant for unfashionable giants and learned radicals. His relations with colleagues were not always easy, but the pupils and fellow-workers whom he encouraged include many names now well-known in biblical study in Britain and overseas.

Among topics of his own research were the Dead Sea Scrolls (his ideas on the place in their background of the Jewish temple of Onias in Egypt were taken up, with full acknowledgement to Bammel. by Sir Godfrey Driver in his book on the scrolls); Herodian history; John the Baptist; the gospel source Q; ancient Jew-ish mysticism; the eschatology of Jesus and Paul; and the history of Jewish-Christian

controversy.

His book Jesu Nachfolger is an original study of succession to Jesus in early Christianity. He published repeatedly on problems connected with the trial of Jesus, and edited a volume on this subject in honour of Professor C. F. D. Moule. With Moule he edited a book on Jesus and the Politics of His Day. It constitutes the fullest consideration and critique of the theory that Jesus and his followers formed a revolutionary movement. He admired his friend David Daube's work on rabbinic Judaism and Christianity, and with C. K. Barrett and W. D. Davies edited a volume in Daube's honour.

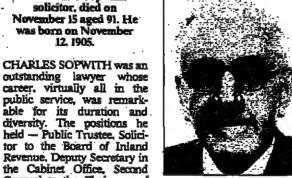
Bammel's love for his own land, its language and culture emerged not least in his hospitality. When still unmarried he would sometimes organise a Deutscher Abend, when hock was served and only German spoken. Later he and his wife jointly gave their guests a kindly welcome in an inimitable Anglo-German at-

mos-phere. In 1979 Bammel married Caroline Penrose Hammond, a distinguished patristic scholar who was also teaching in Cambridge. In 1984 he was appointed professor and head of the Institution Judaicum at Münster University, but no post was available for Caro-line, and he gave up the position and remained in Cambridge, though he inherited a house in the Rhineland. His wife's long illness and her death in 1995 were a source of great sadness to Bammel. He resolved to prepare for publication some unpublished work left behind by her, and he also offered to give the lectures that she would have

His own health deteriorated, and cancer developed. He died in Germany where he was being treated. He and his wife had no children.

whom Soowith impressed. Sopwith could have expect-

SIR CHARLES SOPWITH



and knowledge, and happily guided his pupils through Counsel to the Chairman of French literature of the 18th. Committees in the House of 19th and 20th centuries in Lords - bore witness to the range of his interests. their weekly tutorials. When The youngest of four child-ren of a Tyneside shipbuilder, he retired, he was genuinely astonished, though nobody he was educated at South else was, at the expressions of Shields High School. In the gratitude and affection he received from pupils and ex-pupils in the three colleges he ordinary course of things he could have expected to follow regularly taught for, St Peter's. his elder brother to Cam-Balliol and Corpus Christi. bridge. A decline in his As a medievalist, Perman father's business, however, was one of a group of distinmeant that he had to be guished medievalist scholars articled as an accountant and

who worked and taught in Oxford in the 1950s, 1960s and accountant in 1928. 1970s, and who all contributed The legal studies involved in articles to the festschrift for Professor Alfred Ewert, their the accountants' exams had aroused in him, though, an mentor. He lectured memoraenthusiasm for the law and in bly on the Chanson de Ro-1933 he took articles as a land, the Roman de la Rose, solicitor in London with C. H. Vick, a member of a and medieval farces. He was for many years the general editor of Blackwell's French

well-known legal family. He had evidently impressed Vick because his articles were free, and that was rare in those days. He took a first class in both the Intermediate and Final examinations of the Law Society. In the latter, in 1938, he came joint top of the list of all candidates. It proved to be a vintage year for future government lawyers because joint too with him was Henry Woodhouse, who later became Legal Adviser to the Depart-

ment of Transport.

he qualified as a chartered



When war broke out a year later Sopwith, who was pronounced unfit for military service, soon found himself drafted into the Central Office of Information, where he remained for the rest of the war. He progressed rapidly to be-come Assistant Director, Press Censorship in 1943. In that post he worked under one of the most celebrated lawyers of his time, Cyril Radcliffe, who later became a law lord. Like everyone else who ever had dealings with Sopwith, Radcliffe was impressed by him and suggested that he would be well suited to work as a

at the end of the war joined the of Inland Revenue, judging that department to be particularly suited to his dual qualifications as lawyer and accountant. Again, the promotions came rapidly and by 1956 he had risen as high in the office as seemed possible for him, given the relative ages of himself and the then Solicitor.

government lawyer.

Sopwith took his advice and licitor's Office of the Board

Five years later the post of Public Trustee fell vacant, and Sopwith, somewhat to his surprise, was appointed to it. Instrumental in that appointment was the then AttorneyGeneral. Sir Reginald Man-ningham-Buller, who later, as Second Counsel to the Chair-Chancellor. He had been briefed by Sopwith in some important Revenue cases and was another senior lawver

ed to continue as Public Trustee until his retirement but in 1963 Sir Angus Fraser, the Solicitor to the Board of Inland Revenue, died suddenly and the chairman of the board, Sir Alexander Johnston, had no doubt that Sopwith was the best man to succeed him. So it was that Sopwith went back to the board as Solicitor and remained there until he reached retiring age in 1970. He was knighted in 1966 That turned out to be far

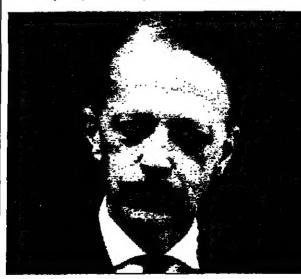
from the end of his career. Very soon he came out of retirement when invited to take up a temporary post in the Cabinet Office as chairman of a small committee of lawyers who were part of the team preparing the instructions for the drafting of the European Communities Bill. This was a demanding exercise and Sopwith started with the disadvantages that he had no experience of the preparation of legislation (his work in Inland Revenue had been largely in the litigation sphere) and had virtually no knowledge of the European Treaties. Nevertheless, he threw himself into the work with characteristic vigour and determination, as ever relishing a challenge, and carried it through until the Bill was enacted as the European Com-

munities Act 1972 By then he was 67 and might have rested on his laurels. So far from doing so, two years later he embarked

Lord Dilhorne, became Lord man of Committees in the House of Lords. This was a new post created in order to provide legal counsel for the European Committee, a committee set up by the House to scrutinise proposals from Brussels for community legislation. Sopwith was the first holder of this committee post and stamped his authority on it from the outset, bringing to it all his formidable powers and tremendous industry. He held the position for eight years, by which time he was 77 - and even he felt he was ready for retirement.

Sopwith was a reserved man with a deep seriousness and sense of duty, and a certain toughness that matched his sturdy build. At the same time he had a welldeveloped sense of humour and, once one had penetrated his reserve, was a warm and congenial companion. His interests were wide but his deepest love outside his family was for music and he was for many years a director and member of the committee of management of the Royal Academy of Music. The honorary FRAM which the Academy awarded him in 1984 gave m great pleasure.

His family bonds were strong throughout his life. He made a late but notably happy marriage though, sadly, his wife Ivy predeceased him by nearly 20 years. They had no children but he had had a profound influence on the upbringing and education of two nieces, the daughters of his sister, with whom he lived throughout the war years. He remained close to them and was a valued friend and guide to the next generation of four great-nephews.



Perman was the first of the second generation of Fellows of St Peter's since its founda-Texts series. He also contribtion as a Permanent Private uted a fine annotated selection of the poems of Verlaine in the Hall in 1928, and he fulfilled

tween the generations admirably. His courtesy and conscientiousness made him an ideal committee member aid holder of various college offices. He guided and developed

the role of bridge-builder be-

the college's sports clubs for many years. Under his friendstewardship the Senior Common Room, particularly

Appointments

Church news

The Rev Ronald Ferguson, Vicar, Castleside, Consett to be part-time Chaplain for The Rev Richard More, Senior Gateshead Healthcare and part-time Senior Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Washington (Durham). The Rev Peter Hunter, Assis-

daughters.

tant Curate, New Borough and Leigh St John (Wimborne St John): to be Priest-incharge, Warminster Christ Church (Salisbury). The Rev Oswald Jesson, Cuford (Ripon).

rate, Thorpe Acre w Dishley: to be Assistant Priest, w special responsibility for North w South Kilworth and Misterton (Leicester). The Rev Robert Kenway, Rector, Birmingham St George (Newtown) (Birmingham): to be Vicar, Caine and Blackland

(Salisbury). The Rev Peter Langford, Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Chad: Holy Epiphany, Muscliffe to be Rector, Easington w (Winchester): to be Chaplain's Liverton (York).

Assistant to the Bishop of Chelmsford: to be also a Non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral (Chelmsford). The Rev Richard Mulkern.

Clarendon series. He was a

member of the Oxford and

Cambridge Schools Examina-tion Board. He was a delegate

of that body and ultimately,

until as recently as 1988, the

skilled chairman of its board.

wife Alma, whom he married

in 1941, and by his four

Perman is survived by his

Director of the Missions to Seamen (Northern Region): to be also Assistant Curate (NSM), Oulton w Woodles-The Rev Seye Olumide, for-

merly Anglican Chaplain to Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust (Bradford): to be Anglican Chaplain to Parkside Health NHS Trust (St Charles Hospital, Paddington Community Hospital and Princess Louise Hospital, Kensington) (London). The Rev Simon Parrett, NSM.

NHS Trust (Salisbury). The Rev Andrew Pearson. Priest-in-charge, Hunslet Moor: to be Vicar of that henefice (Ripon). The Rev David Pickering, Team Vicar, Jarrow Team

Ministry and Information Technology Chaplain w the Northumbrian Industrial Mission: to be Anglican Priest. Local Ecumenical Project. Newton Hall (Durham). The Rev John Richardson, Team Rector, Hugglescote w

Donington, Ellistown and Snibston: to be Rector, Hallaton w Horninghold and Allexton, Tugby, East Norton and Slawston (Leicester). The Rev Richard Saunders, Curate, Cranham Park (Chelmsford): to be Team Vicar. Kinson Team Ministry

(Salisbury):

Holy Redeemer, Lamorbey: to be Vicar, All Saints, Belvedere (Rochester).

The Rev Jonathan Sibley, Curate, Chalfont St Peter: to be Priest-in-charge, Sulhamstead Abbots and Bannister w Ufton Nervet (Oxford).

The Rev Dr Mark Stibbe, Vicar, Grenoside (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Chorleywood, St Andrew (St Albans). Canon David Tizzard, Priestin-charge, Distington and Di-

ocesan Urban Priority Area Link Officer and Civil Emergency Planning Officer, Churches Together in Cumbria (Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, Beaminster Team Ministry (Salisbury). The Rev Jeremy Trigg, Rector,

Team Vicar, Wolverton Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rev John Ward, Rector, St Bride's Mindr w St David, Benws (Llandaff): to be Vicar. Assistant, Poole Hospital The Rev Irene Shaw, Curate, All Saints, Shard End (B'ham).

Rowley w Skidby (York): to be

EEC curb affects beefburgers By Hugh Clayton

Meat traders complained yesterday that EEC protectionism had produced a shortage of the type of beef needed for beefburgers. They also called for a cut of at least 15p in the pound in EEC lamb prices to avert the creation of a "mountain", of surplus lamb. Mr John Locke, director of the Bacon and

Meat Manufacturers' Association, explained in London that barriers erected under EEC farm policy kept out beef from traditional suppliers.

Manufacturers want cheap, grass-led beef

from Argentina and Australia and not grainfed beef from the EEC," he said. There was too much expensive far beef in the Community and 100 little cheap lean.

He said British companies which bought frozen meat from the rest of the EEC for making such products as sausages were to prepare a blacklist of suppliers whose meat ntained foreign bodies.

Recent consignments had included pieces of plastic labels and metal staples, which could damage saws in sausage factories. Mr Michael Silver, president of the Imported Meat Trade Association, called for a cut in EEC lamb prices and a switch in cheap

ON THIS DAY

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Not so long ago there was a European beef problem of a different kind: the beef needed for making beefburgers was in short supply, too much expensive fat beef in the Community and too little cheap lean".

Mr Silver believed that EEC lamb prices would have to be cut by between 15p and 20p in the pound next year to discourage farmers from producing a surplus.

Weish language victory inspires other Celtic 'nations' By Tim Jones, Cardill

Now that the huge caravan sites are descried and the hills are bereft of the gaily coloured tents of summer campers, parts of Wales have returned to a resemblance of the Celtic kingdom which language idealists wish had ver vanished. In the Lleyn Peninsula or in the rural hinterland of Gwynedd or Dyfed many people communicate throughout their workday in their native tongue, then pick up their children from Welsh schools before going home to listen to Welsh language radio or television programmes.

It is a remarkable tribute to linguistic tenacity, for the language has survived not only infiltration from the attractive culture of its large neighbour but also attempts in the past to legislate it out of existence.

Extremists maintain that the "English government" is still committed to a deliberate policy of killing the Welsh language, although the facts do not bear them out in fact. successive post-war administrations have given increased aid to foster the language and now, with the battle for Welsh programmes on the fourth television channel won, it can fairly be argued that if the language dies it will be because of the apathy of the Welsh people.

The success of the fourth channel campaign has motivated supporters of minority lan-guages in the other Celtic "nations". In France, nternational Committee for the Defence of the Breton Language claims that the Govern-ment is, by "hostility and trickery", flouting the right of the tongue to survive. Spoken by fewer than 500,000 people, Breton is the only living Celtic language in continental Europe.

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NEWS

Epidemic fears delay pig transplants

The first organ transplants from pigs to people have been delayed because ministers fear they might transmit potentially deadly viruses.

Scientists have recently proved that pig viruses can grow in human cells, and there is concern that while these might be harmless to the animal, they could provoke a lethal epidemic among people. HIV almost certainly came from animals, and strains of flu that have killed millions of people in pandemics

Unionists rebel over fishing quotas

The Government was last night trying to head off a possible defeat in the Commons today after the Ulster Unionists warned that they would withdraw their support unless they won significant concessions on fishing quotas Page I

Prison condoms

The Government is allowing condoms to be issued in jails in England and Wales to prevent the spread of infection, Ann Widdecombe, the prisons minister, has ... Page I admitted

Blair alone

Tony Blair made it clear that he would be prepared to stand up for Britain's interests against France or Germany even if it meant he was in a "minority of one" in the European UnionPage 2

Student vote

John Major is coming under strong pressure from Tory strategists to hold the general election on April 10 to prevent Labour using the student vote to win key marginal seatsPage 2

Shopping revenge

Wives are taking revenge on career-obsessed husbands by turning into compulsive shoppers

and running up debts Page 3 Army graves found A British Army war grave con-

taining the remains of 25 men has been unearthed near Arras in France. Tens of thousands of allied troops died in the area in the spring of 1917Page 5

Operation challenge The power of High Court judges to compel women to undergo surgery is to be challenged in an

professionally attested.

Sunday lessons

A school with some of the worst examination results in the country opened for Sunday lessons in an attempt to improve students' performance... Page 6

Bird mystery

An urgent investigation is to be launched into a dramatic and mysterious decline in the number of oystercatchers at the Wash, one of Europe's most important wild-

Irish anger

Smouldering anti-English sentiment has ignited in the Irish Republic after an Anglo-Irish earl failed to win selection to represent the governing Fine Gael party at the next general election...Page 8

British vote doubt

Britain could be cut out of negotiations for a new Maastricht treaty until after the general election under a scheme pressed by several European Union states on the Dutch Government, which assumes the EU presidency on January I...

Mandela threat

Winnie Mandela is under the

action by two women forced to tingency plans for military strikes against Iran Page 11

that he had lied Page 10 US plans strikes

spotlight after the convicted mur-

derer Jerry Richardson, one-time head of her vigilante gang, said

The United States has made con-

have Caesarean sections.. Page 6 A hard story to swallow ■ A Dobermann puppy swallowed a 13in kitchen knife and



Mounted police patrol the pitch at Ashton Gate after Bristol City and Bristol Rovers fans clashed during their second division game. Page 26

BUSINESS

Aerospace merger: Boeing and McDonnell Douglas are to merge, creating the largest aerospace company in the world, in a deal worth ... Page 44

Tax campaign: Business leaders are to propose radical reforms to Britain's corporate tax system in an attempt to remove what they see as a clear fiscal bias against Page 44

Britain ahead: The UK economy will grow at a faster rate than all Group of Seven indutrialised nations except Canada, according to Page 44

Kenwood plea: The besieged board will today ask shareholders to be given more time to restore the fortunes of the troubled maker of domestic appliances..... Page 40

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ARIS

Violent denial: "On any serious list of the causes of violence, television scarcely merits a mention": Melvyn Bragg points the finger of blame firmly elsewhere Page 16 Academic overtures: The turmoil

at the Royal Academy is over; now there is merely a renewed sense of purpose and a "piddling" deficit, its managers tell Simon Tait . Page 16 Double act: Toronto hosts a financial slugging-match as two huge, dauntingly expensive new musical

few days. Page 17 Beautifully beastly: Loud, gaudy and rich in melodrama, Beauty and the Beast opens in Stratford East with fine singing, smart adlibbing, great costumes and a truly

wicked bad fairy _____Page 17

adaptations open in the space of a

Grey matter: Some old people appear to remain lucid while others

show clear signs of losing their faculties. Anjana Ahuj on a project to discover whyPage 12 Nigel Hawkes: Everybody knows that skates slide on ice because the pressure of the blades melts the surface layer. Except that they

... Page 12 Nuturing space: Shopping does not always have to be a dehumanising experience.... Quietly grateful: Juliet Peck, Libby

Purves and Giles Coren say what Christmas means to them. Page 14 Michael Gove: The Conservatives should never regard the growth of its social security budget with pride but service pensions should be the exception.

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Dartmoor inspires the

opening exhibition

West Country gallery

for a revamped

Should charities

pursue political

be allowed to

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activities?

Cricket: England lost the first oneday international by two wickets in Bulawayo..... ... Page 23

Rugby Union: Wales went down 37-20 to South Africa while England mulled over a poor display against .. Pages 30, 31 Argentina... Football: Chelsea's hopes of getting among the championship contenders were dealt a heavy blow at .. Page 27 Sunderland_

Athletics: John Brown, from Sheffield, who won the European championship in Charleroi, is the first British man for 21 years to collect a senior international cross-....Page 25 country title

Swimming: Susan Rolph, controversially denied a place in the record books, and Mark Foster both won two gold medals for Britain in the European short-course championships in Rostock Page 25 Skiing: Austrians took the first four places in the opening downhill race of the World Cup season at Val _Page 25 D'Isère.

Spoolog: Despoite a total clearance of 145, Alain Robidoux, of Canada, was 5-3 down to London Ronnie O'Sullivan in the 17-frame final of Page 25 the German Open.....

12, 24, 33, 34, 42, 47. Bonus: 44. Seven tickets win El.3 million; 63 44.52t for 5 numbers and the bonus; 1,705 win £1,028 for five numbers; 87,664 win £43 for four; 1,400, 000 win £10 for three.

Preview: A demolition job on Enid Blyton (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond found Travels With My Camera disconcerting Page 43

The pig's heart

The proponents of xenotransplantation are confident that the risks are small; but so were the scientists who dismissed the dangers of BSE man. Greater certainty is needed before we go further Page 19

Arms and Iran

Given that neither the exact purpose of strikes against Iran nor the evidence justifying them have yet been clearly defined, Washington is right to pause____ __Page 19

Rich lineage

There are only two Protestants in the Irish Parliament which hopes to play a significant role in bringing peace to Ulster. A welcome from that parliament's parties to the minorities in their own midst might make it easier for others to extend a friendly hand Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Why we're all losers in the battle of the euro: the British have no policy and no influence.... RICHARD HODGES

A royal crusade for change: The Prince of Wales's vision for building a better designed Britain has broken new ground in architectural thinking...

Edward Blishen, writer; Ernst Bammel, Biblical scholar; Sir Charles Sopwith, solicitor; R.C.D. Perman, Oxford don....... Page 21

The euro: Firearms Bill; cormorants; war widows' pensions; dyslexic children; fatigue syndrome; seasonal spouses.....

The US has secured the election of Kofi Annan as UN Secretary-General, after a sponsorship campaign on his behalf so noisy it could easily have had the opposite effect and turned into a kiss of death. America US expects Annan to overhaul the bureaucracy, which is indeed an have to deal with the financial crisis, for which the US is itself partly to blame - La Repubblica, Rome

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has the X-rays to prove it. While urban mythology abounds

with tales of Dobermanns gobbling up burglars' fingers or

smaller dogs, Bailey's unprecedented feat of turning canine

sword-swallower is beyond doubt, being fully documented and

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makes Bohemian giri

- weep (7). tion (7).
- 9 In the event, his career is competitive (5). 10 Dejected, having secured nothing, we leave at once! (9).
 11 Headgear with diamonds that
- may be covering peak (6). 12 Opera's beginning very loudly! Verdi's fantastic stroke (3-5). 14 Tree outside estate's entrance
- one producing resin (5). 15 Dismiss class troublemaker (9). 18 Good-for-nothing refugee finally patriotic? (9).
- 20 Book appears after much delay, though unfinished (5). 22 Closing date for journalist's dull
- 24 Make it possible to extract from churchmen a blessing (6).

BERLOUP

Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,351 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 26 Passenger initially dined in river
- in the courts (5). Rumour here? (7). 29 Moor the launch originally left in
- centre of pool (7). DOWN
- Thanks to the French, not so cruel 2 Weapon officer needed to restrain
- revolutionary (7). Sort of pink vehicle seen before race (9).
- 4 When upset, new way to display boredom (4).
 5 In which those brawling escape charges? (4-3-3).
- Correct notice about workers (5). 7 List of plants I had discovered in this state (7).
- Loyal vassal, say, interrupting false statement (5).
- Ferry often vandalised? What shameless audacity! (10).
 Systematically indoctrinate sup-
- porter at laundry (9). 17 Reckless villain's crazy speed on
- rough road (9).

 19 Instrument old group of stars
- used (7). 21 Broad-minded artist in defama
- tion case (?).

 22 Sagacity of husband supporting small part of store (5).

 23 Sounds like city guides (5).

 25 One overwhelmed by little sib-
- ling's liveliness (4). Times Two Crossword, page 44
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☐ SW, NW England, Wales, Lakes, lold, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ine-land: Mainly cloudy with patchy rain or

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Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, rather cloudy at first but brightness developing. Wind southwesterly moderate to tresh. Max 8C to 9F (48F to 48F). ☐ NE, NW Scotland: Cloudy with light rain at first, becoming mostly dry later. Wind southwesterly fresh locally strong. Max 6C to 8C (43F to 46F).

drizzle. Wind south to southwesterly becoming southerly light to moderate. Max 8C to 9C (46F to 48F).

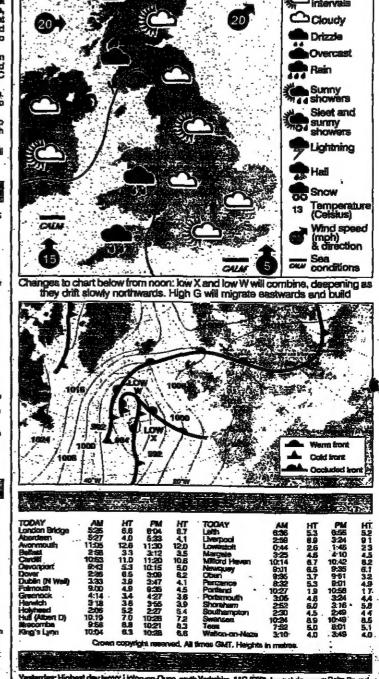
Orieney: Cloudy with persistent rain. Vind mostly southeesterly fresh. Max 5C to 7C (41F to 45F). ☐ Shetland: Cloudy with rain, turning to aleat or snow over hits. Wind easterly fresh to strong. Max 3C to 4C (37F to 39F). Outlook: Becoming mostly dry but all areas wet on Wednesday.

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